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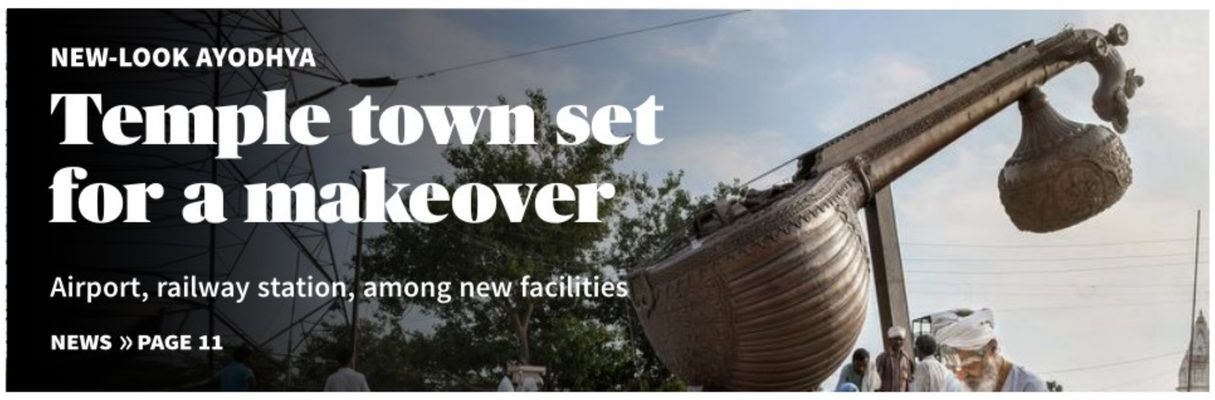

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Valley wakes up to nightlife

In volatile parts of Srinagar, where public life previously halted by sundown, late-night cricket & football tournaments are a big draw now

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

As the sun sets over Srinagar, islands of late-evening life have started popping up, emerging for the first time in over 30 years. Parts of the volatile old city that would once fall silent at sundown, leaving no place for youngsters to go, have acquired a rare buzz this year as youth are hooked to a new passion – playing football and cricket tournaments in floodlit stadiums till midnight.

Located in the volatile Rajouri Kadal neighbourhood and nestled amid old-style congested houses, the Gani Memorial Stadium previously hit the headlines in 2010 when a 17-year-old student, Tufail Mattoo, was killed during clashes between stone-throwing protesters and security forces near the fencing of the stadium, triggering a wave of Valley-wide protests.

Shunning memories of a violent past, the Gani Stadium instead played host to a successful T20 tournament in September and October, with 16 teams and over 240 players participating. Among the top scoring batsmen in the tournament was Arshid Ahmad (name changed), who was booked in 2016 for participating in violent protests. "Cricket is my passion," he said, refusing to discuss the politics of the place.

A football match on under floodlights at the TRC stadium in Lal Chowk. NISSAR AHMAD

J&K State Sports Council's (JKSSC) divisional sports officer Nuzhat Farooq, who was the chief guest at the final match of the tournament, said, "It was a sight to see such a crowd in the old city. Local people were really enthusiastic. Youth need to take up sports to stay fit."

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Byelections to Mainpuri, five Assembly seats on December 5

Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Saturday declared byelections in five Assembly constituencies in as many States, in addition to a Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh, coinciding with the Gujarat Assembly election.

Among the seats are two Samajwadi Party (SP) strongholds – the Lok Sabha constituency of Mainpuri that fell vacant after the death of party founder and three-time U.P. Chief Minister Mulayam Singh and the Rampur Assembly constituency.

The Rampur seat fell vacant after its incumbent MLA Azam Khan's membership of the State Assembly was cancelled after he was sentenced for three years in a hate speech case on October 28.

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Bring back BJP for development, Modi tells Himachal voters

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday accused the Congress of tricking people with false promises to grab power and urged the people of Himachal Pradesh to start a new custom by returning the ruling BJP to power in the State.

Himachal Pradesh, which goes to the polls on November 12, has alternated between BJP and Congress governments for more than three decades.

Mr. Modi, who addressed rallies in Sundernagar and Solan, said voters need to return the BJP to power to make up for the damage done by the Congress in the State over the years. "If the patient changes the medicine again and again, he cannot be cured. So how can there be development due to frequent changes of government?" he asked.The custom of changing the government in Himachal alternately has become the reason for the hindrance in the development of Himachal. This time the custom has to be changed. Putting the BJP into power will ensure stability and progress," said Mr. Modi.

Narendra Modi at a meeting in Mandi district on Saturday. PTI

Accusing the Congress of ignoring the interest of the people of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Modi said the Congress always sidelined the State's interests as it was small and sent only four MPs to the Lok Sabha.

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NEARBY

Seven women killed in accident near Bidar

KALABURAGI
Seven women were killed and two critically injured in a road accident at Bemalkheda village, about 50 km from Bidar in north Karnataka, late on Friday. » Page 7

Need law against parents harassing children: Judge

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It is high time that the State and the UNICEF thought about proper legislation to arraign parents, both mother and father, as accused persons for harassing their children in child custody cases, said a judge of the High Court. » Page 8

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On same side of fence

They persevered at the height of militancy, but called it quits in the latest outrage on Pandits; their Kashmiri brethren now take care of their property with a heavy heart

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In October, suspected militants killed Puran Krishan Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit, near his house in Choudhary Gund area of Shopian district in south Kashmir. Bhat was among the few Kashmiri Pandits who stayed back in the Valley in 1989-90, when many of them fled from the Valley migrating to Jammu and other parts of the country due to the start of the militancy in the region.

Bhat's killing triggered a wave of fear among the residents and at least 10 Pandit families, witness to the conflict for the past three decades, have now fled the area.

Days after the targeted killing, the locality in Shopian wears a deserted look. The houses of Kashmiri Pandits are locked and their Muslim neighbours are helping to take care of their orchards and apple produce as it is harvest season in the Valley.

"I take care of the orchard of Pushkar Nath Bhat. I have to transport at least 2,000 apple boxes from his orchard. He has fled from here," said Ajaz Ahmad.

Wali Muhammad, another resident of the locality, has worked in the house of a Kashmiri Pandit for at least 20 years now. "We lived happily for many decades," he said.

Ghulam Muhammad Shah, an elderly resident of Shopian, said that he along with his neighbours urged the Pandits to stay back even at the peak of the crisis in the 1990s. "They didn't face any problem since then till this year. This time, they fled and it is very sad. They should come back and live here," said Mr. Shah.

Bleak outlook: A view of the deserted Shopian village in south Kashmir, days after a Kashmiri Pandit was killed there.

Painful loss: The home of Puran Krishan Bhat, who was gunned down by militants in October.

Silver lining: With the harvest season at its peak, it is time for workers to pack and despatch apples. Neighbours and friends have stepped in to manage the produce belonging to Kashmiri Pandits who have left.

Broken ties: Wali Muhammad, 65, from Reasi district of Jammu, outside the residence of Kashmiri Pandit Veerji for whom he worked for decades. Veerji has now fled the area.

Krishi Mela: Record 7.16 lakh footfall on third day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A record number of 7.16 lakh people visited the Krishi Mela being organized by the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru at its GKVK campus on Saturday.

University authorities said that this is the first time that such a large number of people visited the mela on a single day. As many as 4.05 lakh people had visited the four-day mela on the first two days despite rains. With this, the total number of visitors so far has touched 11.21 lakh. The authorities are expecting the total number of visitors to cross 15 lakh when it comes to an end on Sunday.

The stalls put up at the venue reported a total transaction of ₹2.85 crore on Saturday. The mela has nearly 800 stalls put up by various firms including those related to machinery and agricultural engineering to start-ups, poultry birds, agri inputs, farmers, self help groups and Farmer Producers Organisations.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil, Revenue Minister R. Ashok, MP D.V. Sadananda Gowda and MLA Krishna Byregowda attended the mela on Saturday. Best farmer awards were presented to farmers from Hassan, Mandya and Tumakuru districts.

Rangayana's play on Tipu Sultan to 'unveil his true nature'

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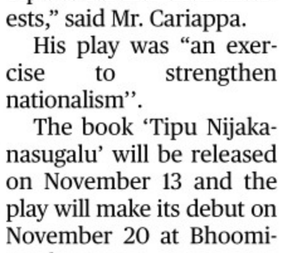

Rangayana director Addanda C. Cariappa (centre) releasing the poster of a play on Tipu Sultan in Mysuru on Saturday. M.A. SRIRAM

A new play on Tipu Sultan produced by theatre repertory Rangayana is set to make its stage debut during the month and the playwright claims that it is an attempt to "unmask" the 18th century ruler.

Addanda C. Cariappa, who has written the play and is also the director of Rangayana, said here on Saturday that the history surrounding Tipu had been "wrapped in lies" and his play titled 'The Real Dreams of Tipu' (*Tipu Nijakanasugalu*) would bring out the "suppressed facts" about the ruler.

It may be mentioned here that playwright the late Girish Karnad has penned a famous play called 'Tipu Sultan Kanda Kanasu' (The Dreams of Tipu Sultan), which Mr. Cariappa claimed to be a "distortion".

Mr. Cariappa said the play was based on the collection of letters written by Tipu which are preserved in the British Library. These letters in Persian were translated by historian and former Vice-Chancellor K.M. Panicker into Malayalam.

"The letters of Tipu Sultan reveal his true dreams and the same work has been translated into Kannada by M. Chidananda Murthy," said Mr. Cariappa.

"The incessant attack on Indian culture by Muslim rulers has been suppressed by historians and the true nature of Tipu too has been cloaked in lies," alleged Mr. Cariappa who had stoked controversies in the past by patronising and inviting people espousing Hindutva ideology to Rangayana events, resulting in protests.

When asked about the obsession with Tipu, Mr. Cariappa said he belonged to a family that was "wronged" by the ruler. "Tipu Sultan has been valorised as a patriot, warrior, and a secular who funded Hindu temples, and vote bank politicians and pseudo-intellectuals have fortified this image of Tipu to further their interests," said Mr. Cariappa.

His play was "an exercise to strengthen nationalism".

The book 'Tipu Nijakanasugalu' will be released on November 13 and the play will make its debut on November 20 at Bhoomigeetha on Rangayana premises.

INBRIEF

BBMP administrator holds online meet on pothole work

Amid rising accidents caused allegedly due to bad roads in the city, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) administrator Rakesh Singh conducted an online meeting with all zonal officials regarding the pothole-filling work in the city on Saturday.

According to a senior BBMP official present at the meeting, Mr. Singh directed BBMP Road Department officials to fill the potholes by November 15 and send a report on the same. "The BBMP administrator conducted the online meeting with officials and saw the progress so far. The officials from respective zones showed videos and photos of the work conducted so far and explained the quality of the work."

This comes after the HC on Wednesday directed the Chief Engineer, NHAI, Karnataka division, to inspect pothole filling, road repair and resurfacing by the BBMP in the city.

UAS-B plans to promote hydroponics in urban and peri-urban areas across State

The university, which has set up the State's biggest multi-model hydroponics unit, is trying to emerge as a hub of hydroponics

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

UAS-B is also set to develop its own model structures and methods for those who want to take up urban horticulture like terrace farming or cultivation in the porticos of apartments. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru, which has set up the State's biggest multi-model hydroponics unit, is set to popularise this method of soilless cultivation in a big way through training programmes. It will launch free training courses in various hydroponics models for the general public from December.

The varsity, that has been focusing on various models of hydroponics for the last year through a project, has set up an one-acre hydroponics unit with eight different models. Though a few private firms have managed to set up even bigger hydroponics units, this is said to be the biggest in terms of multi-models.

Under the hydroponics method, there is no need for soil, but water and plant nutrients have to be given to plants in accurate proportions. This system is on display at the ongoing Krishi Mela. Nagaraj Hullur, research associate from UAS-B, said the university is mainly proposing all the models of hydroponics for those in urban and peri-urban areas. "This is mainly for those who have lesser quantum of land, but are ready to take up intensive cultivation," he said, while pointing out that it is possible to get more yield through hydroponics if one adopts a vertical farming method within polyhouses.

However, the initial investment as well as maintenance costs for this kind of cultivation are much higher than the conventional cultivation methods. But Mr. Nagaraj says is possible to recover the entire investment in about four years as the yields would be higher.

On terrace, in gardens

The university is also set to develop its own model structures and methods for those who want to take up urban horticulture like terrace farming or cultivation in the porticos of apartments basically to grow vegetables and greens. "We are promoting cultivation of high-value vegetables including leafy vegetables under the hydroponics method," Mr. Nagaraj said.

One of the models being promoted by the university is aquaponics in which fish rearing would be taken up in a tank along with hydroponics. The excreta from the fish tank would pass through the hydroponics structure and act as nutrient for plants. The aquaponics method is being promoted as organic, as no chemicals like fertilisers or pesticides would be used. Leafy vegetables are being promoted under this method.

Another model on display is Dutch Bucket System where nutrients would be supplied to each plant through drip irrigation system. Cultivation of vegetables like tomato, pumpkin, beans, cucumber, broccoli, bottle gourd and capsicum is being promoted under this method. It is also experimenting with cultivation of dragon fruit.

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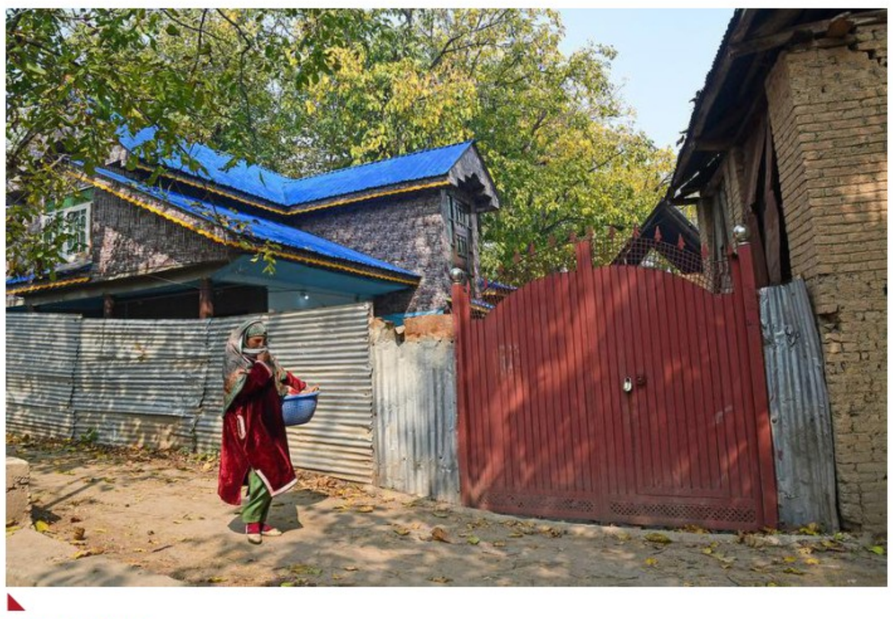

Shutters down: A woman walks past the locked main gate of a house of a Kashmiri Pandit in Shopian.

Helping hands: Aijaz Ahmad Wagay and Wali Mohammad pruning apple trees in an orchard of a Kashmiri Pandit.

Remembering friends: Khatija, 65, breaks down while speaking of her Pandit neighbours.

Absent owners: Boxes of apples are stacked on the premises of a Pandit family.

Staying loyal: Rozia kounsar and her family take care of the orchard and houses of Pandits who have fled.

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Over 70% of ₹9.82 lakh crore investment proposals to be realised

More than 90% of these will be going beyond Bengaluru, says Nirani

The Hindu Bureau
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Over 70% of the total ₹9.82 lakh crore investment engagement proposals that Karnataka inked with various industries at its investment exposition Global Investors' Meet would be realised, said Murugesh R. Nirani, Minister for Large and Medium Industries.

"This time GIM is going to witness a high rate of conversion at 70%, compared to earlier editions. All these projects will be completed and will go on stream within one to five year's time, depending on the industry and the minimum time required for commencement,'' he told *The Hindu*.

He said he and his government was confident of overseeing the completion of these new projects in the next five as he was certain about the continuity of administration even after the Assembly elections.

Mr. Nirani said, "Our investment target was ₹5 lakh crore and we have significantly exceeded and close to doubled it. Accordingly, our employment outlook will also increase to over 6 lakh from the earlier expected 5 lakh.'' According to him, ₹2.83 lakh crore of the total investments are already approved by the Single Window Agency and High-Level Clearance Committee while proposals for investments of ₹ 1.57 lakh crore were announced during the GIM, which also will be soon cleared by the government.

More than 90% of these investments would be going beyond Bengaluru as the government has a mandate to bring in well-rounded development in the state to boost economic growth, the Minister said. "We are promoting the 'One District One Product' initiative to offer exclusive focus on various industries. We will also improve waterway, airway, railway, and roadway connectivity in a big way to facilitate business growth and boost investor confidence. Eight airports are operational in Karnataka and three will come up soon," Mr. Nirani added.

Summary of confirmed investments

Total investments committed in the State from January 2022 till GIM

Stage	No.	Investments (in ₹ crore)
Approved investments (single window/SHLCC)	608	2,83,415
MoUs	57	5,41,369
Announcements during GIM	2	1,57,000
Total	**667**	**9,81,784**

Sector-wise investments (in ₹ crore)

Sector	Approved		MoUs		Total	
		No		No		No
Manufacturing green hydrogen and derivatives	1,57,014	5	1,29,020	4	2,86,034	9
Renewable energy	29,397	72	2,99,052	24	3,28,449	96
Manufacturing sunrise sectors (ESDM, e-Mobility, affected data centres	27,384	44	46,900	9	74,284	53
Infrastructure and industrial/ logistics parks (including telecom, airports, skill, infrastructure)	18,834	57	53,350	12	72,184	69
Manufacturing core sectors (Iron and steel, mining, cement)	25,817	20	10,458	6	36,275	26
Manufacturing – general (Sugar, FMCG, textile, etc.)	24,969	410	2,589	2	27,558	412
Total	2,83,415	608	5,41,369	57	824,784	665
Announcements during GIM					1,57,000	2
Total					**9,81,784**	**667**

Online petition against congestion at Kaggadasapura rly. crossing

Navya M.S. and Cinderella Jane S.
BENGALURU

Commuters on Kaggadasapura Railway Crossing in East Bengaluru, facing traffic congestion leading to 3-4 hours of delay during peak hours, have started a petition online.

A daily occurrence is the line of cars on either side of the tracks. For those going from DRDO, Narayanapura, Vignananagar, Marathahalli and other regions, it is a nightmare, say residents. "IT hubs and industrial regions like HAL, Marathahalli, ORR, Narayanapura, etc. are connected by this road. IT professionals, employees, and commuters from nearby use this route to get to their destinations. Five traffic officials often work regularly to clear the backup, which shows the enormity of the problem," said a resident.

"It is completely chaotic at peak hours in the morning and evening," Madhu, a resident, said, pointing out that many schools were close-by, adding to the density of traffic.

"Even after numerous complaints, the administration shows little interest. There are no attempts to lessen the congestion, not even to build an overbridge," a motorist said.

Another road user, Niveditha, said a flyover must be built or access to the DRDO overbridge, which is intended for only pedestrians, must be provided.

Dharma Raj, a traffic official, said that additionally, K.R. Puram will encounter problems because the road is narrow for large vehicles travelling toward the Ring Road. The last option is to cross the DRDO overbridge.

However, a gateman for the railways, pointed out that erecting a flyover will require the removal of numerous structures which may pose another set of problems.

Oshna Panjwani, a resident, started the petition on Change.org, and received 2,787 signatures as at the time of writing. "As many of us living in Kaggadasapura leave for work in the morning, the first bottleneck we find is right outside our lane – Kaggadasapura railway crossing. Public transport, school buses, water tankers, cabs, private vehicles all use this route. During peak hours this place is a mess and often results in log jams leading to 3-4 hours of delay," she said in the petition.

Ashok Kashyap appointed chairman of Karnataka Film Academy

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The State government has appointed director and cinematographer Ashok Kashyap as the chairman of Karnataka Film Academy. Mr Kashyap had received Karnataka State Award for best cinematographer for *Shaapa* in 2001. He is also known for his contribution in films such as *Shhh!, Karulina Koogu, Sihi Muttu, Super Ranga, Uppi 2, Kaafi Thota, Bhuvana Jyoti,* and *Shaapa*.

Mr. Kashyap, with a few film technicians, made *Ulta Palta* based on Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*. As per the Government Order, Mr. Kashyap will hold the post for a period of three years or till further orders.

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No. HESCOM/SEE(PMC)/EE-P1/AEE-1/2022-23/CYS-5717 Date: 05-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Superintending Engineer (Ele), Project Monitoring Cell (PMC), Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubli invites tender for the following works

1. Repairs & Reconditioning of 10 Nos. of faulty 33/11kV 1X5 MVA Power Transformer failed at 33/11KV Sub-stations in O&M Zone, HESCOM, Belagavi vide Bid Indent No. HESCOM/SEE(PMC)/EE-P1/22-23/5MVA/R&M/BGM.
2. Repairs & Reconditioning of 10 Nos. of faulty 33/11kV 1X5 MVA Power Transformer failed at 33/11KV Sub-stations in O&M Zone, HESCOM, Hubli vide Bid Indent No. HESCOM/SEE(PMC)/EE-P1/22-23/5MVA/R&M/HBL.

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained by logging on to the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **5.30 PM on 05-11-2022.**

Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Project Monitoring Cell, HESCOM, Hubli.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ವಿಶಾ/727/2022–23

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
BHOOMI MONITORING CELL
First Floor, SSLR Building, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001
Phone: 080-22113255

No: BMC-11012/16/2022(922001) Date: 05.11.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed firms for Providing Technical **Manpower at District level for Mojini Project.** The last due date for submitting filled tender forms is **5:30 PM on 28.11.2022**. Details regarding terms and conditions are available at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Assistant Commissioner,
Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department.
DIPR/CP/2952/AAA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Dr. Varlakashmi and T. Uma** intend to purchase from its owner Anjana Puttanna the below mentioned site No. 433, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Layout called as AMS Layout Katha No. 496/433 Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring : East to West: 50 Feet and North to 41 feet in all 2050 sq. feet. and bounded on **East by: Site No. 440, West by : 30 Feet road, North by : Road and South by : Site No. 432,** if any body or institutions having any objections claim right over the schedule property they may file their objections within **7 days** from today or otherwise my clients complete the sale transaction.

(C.M.RAGHUNATH) Advocate.
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Mob : 9448457995 / 9986022999

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Executive Engineer Project Division Tumakuru
No-262, Belagumba Road, Sharadadevi nagar, Tumakur-3
Tel:0816–2273773 E-mail:kn-tum-1@pmgsy.kar.nic.in

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 02/2022-23
Dated: 04.11.2022

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Tumkur, invites Item Rate Tenders from eligible Contractors who have registered in PWD and enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for the WORK INDENTS, KRRDA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT5542 and KRRDA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT5543 of Chikkanayakanahalli and Tiptur Taluk in Tumkur District, by two tender document system, through e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Process Details: (1) Accessing the bid document on e-procurement portal from: **07.11.2022** (2) Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid: **19.11.2022** 16.00 Hours **(3)** Opening of technical bid : **21.11.2022,** 11.00 Hours onwards **(4)** Opening of financial bid: After Approval of Technical Bid. For any further information contact the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Tumkur.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Project Division, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/669/MCA/2020-21

(Public Works Department)
Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

Invitation for Short-Term Tender (I.F.T.)
No.: 21/2022-23 Date: 02.11.2022

(For Road Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W.–4 in two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for works. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **03.11.2022 to 02.12.2022 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **22.11.2022 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **02.12.2022 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **05.12.2022 at 11.00 am. (4)** Date of opening Financial Bid after approval of Technical Bid: **08.12.2022 at 11.00 am.** For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 331/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022–23

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ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ಸಂ:ಕಾಪಾಇಂ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ಏ/ದಾ/ಸಇಂ2/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022–23/1703 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 02.11.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜ್ಯ ವಲಯ ಮುಂದುವರೆದ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಮತ್ತು ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಲಾಖಾ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:19/11/2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08192–250156 ಅಥವಾ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರಗಳು:–**(1) ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ ತಾ: ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ಸೋಗಿಲು ಹನುಮಸಾಗರ ಕುಳಗಟ್ಟೆ, ಸ.ಕಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಹೊನ್ನೂರು ವಡ್ಡರಹಟ್ಟ ಕೆಂಗಟ್ಟೆ ಹೊಸಕೊಪ್ಪ ಮತ್ತು ಸ.ಉರ್ದು ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ನ್ಯಾಮತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–97.30 ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ ತಾ: ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ತಗ್ಗಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗಂಜೀನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಕೆಂಗಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸ.ಕಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಮತ್ತು ಸ..ಉರ್ದು ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ಸಾಸ್ವೆಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:– 69.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾ: ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ವಿನಾಯಕ ನಗರ, ಬಿ.ಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್–2 ಎಸ್.ಎಂ. ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ವಿನೋಬನಗರ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–97.30 ಲಕ್ಷ (4) ಜಗಳೂರು ತಾ: ಸ.ಕಿ.ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ ಬುಳ್ಳೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸಂಗೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಬಿಸ್ತುವಳ್ಳಿ ಜಿ.ಹಟ್ಟಿ ಗೋಪಗೊಂಡನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ. ಮಾಗಡ ಮತ್ತು ಸ.ಉರ್ದು ಹಿ. ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ಜಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–97.30 ಲಕ್ಷ (5) ಜಗಳೂರು ತಾ: ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ಚಿಕ್ಕನಮ್ಮಹಟ್ಟಿ ಅಯ್ಯನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಅಣಬೂರು ಸಿದ್ದಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿರೇಮಲ್ಲನಹೊಳೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–69.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (6) ಜಗಳೂರು ತಾ: ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆ ಮಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ಗಿಡ್ಡನಕಟ್ಟೆ ಮುಗ್ಗಿದರಾಗಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮುಚ್ಚನೂರು ಅಣಬೂರು ಗೊಲ್ಲರಹಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ.ಕಿ.ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಾಲೆ ಕಸವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಯಿತೋಣಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–97.30 ಲಕ್ಷ (7) ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ತಾ: ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ. ಶಾಲೆ ಕಂಚಿಗನಾಳ್ ಬುಸ್ಸೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೊನ್ನನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ.ಕಿಪ್ರಾ. ಬಿ. ಸಣ್ಣತಾಂಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ.ಉರ್ದು ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ. ಕೆರೆಬಿಳಚಿಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ಮತ್ತು ತಾವರೆಕೆರೆ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–97.30 ಲಕ್ಷ (8) ಹರಿಹರ ತಾ: ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಾಲೆ ಜಿ.ಟಿ ಕಟ್ಟೆ ಹುಲಿಗಿನಹೋಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ.ಕಿ. ಉರ್ದು ಪ್ರಾ. ಶಾಲೆ ಇಂದಿರಾ ನಗರ ಮಲೆಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–41.70 ಲಕ್ಷ (9) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾ: ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಿರಿಯ/ಹಿರಿಯ/ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಾಲೆ ಹೊನ್ನನಾಯಕಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಆವರಗೆರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೊಳೆಹೊನ್ನೂರು ತೋಟ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–44.20 ಲಕ್ಷ (10) ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನವೀಕರಣ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (11) ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸಂಭಾಗಣದ ನವೀಕರಣ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–7.00ಲಕ್ಷ (12) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಒಳಗೋಡೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೊರಗೋಡೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸುಣ್ಣ ಮತ್ತು ಬಣ್ಣಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಲ್ ಡ್ರೂಪ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–5.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (13) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಚಾರಿ ಪಶುಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾ ವಾಹನಗಳಿಗೆ ಶೆಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–3.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (14) ಹರಿಹರ ತಾ: ಶಾಲಕಟ್ಟೆಯಿಂದ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ–ಮಲೇಬೆನ್ನೂರು ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಡಾಂಬರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ (ಚೈ. 1.00 ಯಿಂದ 2.00 ಕಿ.ಮೀ). ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–9.90 ಲಕ್ಷ (15) ಹರಿಹರತಾ: ಗಂಗನರಸಿ–ಕೋಡಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಗಂಗನರಸಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪರಿಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–7.20 ಲಕ್ಷ (16) ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ತಾ: ಚಿಕ್ಕೊಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–11.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (17) ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ತಾ: ನವಿಲೇಹಾಳು ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–12.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (18) ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ತಾ: ಬೆಳಲಗೆರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಕಾರಿ ಆಯುರ್ವೇದ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಶೌಚಾಲಯ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ನೀರಿನ ಸಂಪ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಮುಂದುವರೆದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ) ಟೆಂ. ಮೊತ್ತ:–17.50 ಲಕ್ಷ 19) ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ಬಾಲಕರ–2 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–8.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (20) ಜಗಳೂರು ಟೌನ್ ಜಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ಅಶ್ವತ್‌ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ನಗರದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾರಮ್ಮ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂ ಮೊತ್ತ:–4.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿಪಿಜಿ/583/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 **ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,** ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

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ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್,
ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ–561203. ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–29562046
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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 14(ಎ)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು **'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ'ದಿಂದ 'ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಉದ್ದೇಶ'**ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ. ನಂ.	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗು)	ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾದ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ
1	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶಾಲಿನಿ ಗೋವಿಂದಗೌಡ ಕೋಂ ಆರ್.ಕೆ. ಕಿರಣ್	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರೆ	ತಿಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ	33/1	1–20	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ
2	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅರುಣ ಕೋಂ ಮುನೇಗೌಡ ಎಂ.	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರೆ	ತಿಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ	33/6	1–26	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ
3	ಶ್ರೀ ಮುನೇಗೌಡ ಎಂ. ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಪ್ಪ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರೆ	ತಿಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ	33/8	1–20	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ
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RISE	17:50	SET 05:56

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Mysuru	30	21
Bengaluru	27	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool. Spell of light rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Set up task force to digitise all investigation documents: HC

The court expresses surprise over recording of statements and probe reports in handwriting in the digital era

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing surprise over submission of investigation reports in handwriting and improper handling of electronic evidences even in digital age by the Police Department, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the State Police Chief to set up a task force to digitise the entire process of investigation and ensure submission of documents to the courts in digital format.

Methodology for digitisation
The court asked the Director-General and Inspector General of Police to set up a task force consisting of the Head of Information Technology (IT) wing of the Police, the Principal Secretary, E-governance Department, a nominee of the Director of the National Crime Records Bureau, a representative of the Director of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS) to work out a methodology for digitisation of investigation materials.

A Division Bench comprising Justices Suraj Govindaraj and G. Basavaraja issued the directions while noticing that Bagalkot police had failed to

A file photo of the High Court of Karnataka.

collect electronic evidence as per law and had recorded investigation reports/statements in illegible handwriting of a police personnel in a case of 2016 even though the Police Department in Karnataka started using IT tools way back in 2008.

Botched up procedure
The police had neither photographed or videographed the kitchen where the death of a woman had occurred. And her dying declaration, though video recorded, was improperly downloaded to a CD in a private shop, and no electronic certificate was secured for this video as per the law, rendering it unreliable, the Bench observed.

Pointing out that time was not far when any handwritten document will not be accepted by a court as it comes in the way of digitisation of the judicial process, the Bench directed the DG&IGP to instruct police to submit reports in an electronically typed format and train them in the use of various electronic gadgets in investigations.

It is required that all entries are made digitally and documents signed digitally by providing digital signatures to Investigating Officers and other persons, the Bench said. When digital signatures are not available, it said the physical signatures are to be scanned and uploaded into the police IT system along with digital signature of the person uploading it.

Open space near Maurya Circle now an urban 'katte'

Gandhi Park near Maurya Circle now has an amphitheatre, an automated watering system, and a gazebo. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

One of Bengaluru's important protest venues, Gandhi Park near Maurya Circle, has been renovated by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) with an amphitheatre, a colourful automated watering system and a gazebo with a sitting area. The BBMP spent ₹1.23 crore for the project.

The site was renovated after the white topping of Seshadri Road was completed a few months ago that had created an open, unused space near the junction, according to the BBMP officials.

"Since there were chances of the dead spaces nearby being used as garbage dumping spots, we thought we would facelift the dead space and the park. The busy junction has been renovated with the concept of kattes (a space where people sit and chat). People can use the space for cultural activities," BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects) Lokesh M. told *The Hindu*.

The project is designed by Sensing Local, an urban living lab, The Hull, a private architecture firm, along with the BBMP and the space will be given to a company under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity to maintain for two years, officials said.

Citizens also appreciated the authorities for reclaiming the unused 13,000 sq.ft and turning it into a public space. Avid cyclist and resident Nihar Thakkar, said, "I loved this transformation of a busy junction to a beautiful public space. There is so much potential for dead spaces in our city to be reimagined and converted into comfortable and attractive public destinations."

Sangeetha Kumar, another resident said, "The redevelopment of the space is beautiful. However, it should be maintained well by the civic body and the money spent on it should not go to waste. Many places, especially the innovative public space created in the city earlier, have not been maintained well, particularly those created under flyovers."

Three more arrested in BJP activist Praveen Nettaru murder case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) searched multiple locations and arrested three persons in Bengaluru and Dakshina Kannada districts on November 5 in connection with the murder of BJP Yuva Morcha activist Praveen Nettaru.

The agency searched five locations in Karnataka in the districts of Dakshina Kannada, Hubballi and Mysuru.

Three accused were arrested for their active involvement in the 'conspiracy' to murder Praveen Nettaru. The accused have been identified as K. Mahammad Iqbal, K. Ismail Shafi and Ibrahim Sha, all hailing from Sullia in Dakshina Kannada district.

So far, 10 persons have been arrested in this case.

Reward for information
The NIA has announced a reward for information on four accused who are absconding.

During the searches on Saturday November 5, digital devices and 'incriminating documents' were seized from the houses of accused and suspects.

Praveen Nettaru, a resident of Bellare in Dakshina Kannada and district secretary of BJP Yuva Morcha, was murdered, allegedly by cadres of Popular Front of India (PFI), on July 26. The case was registered at Bellare police station. The case was taken over by NIA on August 4.

Former lecturer held for robbing elderly woman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sanjay Nagar police have cracked an armed robbery case targeting elderly home-alone women by arresting a person who was earlier working as a lecturer. The arrested, Suresh Patil, has been accused of robbing gold valuables at knife point to fund gambling and other habits. The olice said that the accused is an MBA degree holder and had secured a rank from Davangere University. He was working as a lecture at a private college in Rajajinagar. Last year, he was dismissed from service, after the management found him misusing college funds for gambling and cricket betting.

Based on the complaint from the management, Suresh was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. After getting out on bail, Patil joined another college in Hebbal but was terminated from the service there too after the management got to know about his antecedents. With no job and a gambling addiction, the accused hatched plans to commit robberies targeting senior citizens for quick money, said the police. He went around identifying gullible people and kept a watch on the victims living alone. The accused had also stolen a bike in Jalahalli a month ago to use it for robbery.

On Monday, he barged into the house wearing a full face helmet, armed with a knife. He assaulted the victim and robbed her gold chain worth ₹2.5 lakh.

In judicial custody
Based on the plaint, a team led by Inspector Guruprasad A. analyzed CCTV footage and also recovered a fingerprint from the scene of crime. The print later matched the recorded prints of the accused in the case that was registered in Rajajinagar police station. The police also recovered gold valuables he had pawned. The accused has been remanded to judicial custody.

Ten arrested in honeytrap case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kamakshipalya police on Saturday arrested a gang of ten for honeytrapping a 55-year-old Jamedar of a court.

According to the police, the kingpin of the gang Siddesh, from Davangere is a rowdy-sheeter with four criminal cases pending against him. The other arrested were identified as Anuradha, 25, Guna, 23, Chethan, 19, Ravikumar, 25, Prashanth Kumar, 19, Karthik Kuma, 22, Uma Shankar, 24, Suryaraj Urs, 24, and Vidya, 35.

As per the modus operandi executed by the gang two years ago, Anuradha, approached the victim working as Jamedar in a court. They spoke a few times before she sought financial help six months ago and returned the amount promptly. On October 25, she again approached him asking for ₹5,000 and called him five days later to her house to return the amount. As soon as the victim went to collect the money, she invited him in and forced herself upon on him. While he was trying to escape, Siddesh and his team barged in, assaulted him, videographed the duo and demanded ₹2 lakh threatening to file a complaint of attempt to rape.

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'Vinayotsava' likely to kick-start Congress campaign from Kittur

The former Minister Vinay Kulkarni's birthday bash is scheduled for November 7 at Kittur in Belagavi district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Girish Pattanashetti
HUBBALLI

With Assembly elections in the State just six months away, the former Minister Vinay Kulkarni, who has remained out of the limelight for almost a year after being released on bail in a criminal case, is all set to announce his electoral plans through a big birthday bash in the town of Kittur on November 7.

As the Supreme Court has barred his entry to Dharwad district, Mr. Kulkarni has been residing outside the district, mainly in Belagavi, frequenting Kittur, Saundatti, and also Shiggaon to meet his followers and the electorate.

Mr. Kulkarni's birthday event is likely to kickstart the Congress campaign in the region. It is called 'Vinayotsava', reminiscent of Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah's birthday event which was described as 'Siddaramotsava'.

The fact that newly elected president of the AICC M. Mallikarjun Kharge will be participating in the birthday programme at Kittur shows the significance the Congress has attached to the event. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Mr. Siddaramaiah and other prominent Congress leaders are also set to participate.

BJP questions event

The BJP is wary of the development and its local leaders have started questioning Mr. Kharge's likely attendance at the Kittur event and what message the Congress would like to convey to people by participating in the birthday programme of a "murder accused". However, unmindful of the criticism, Congress leaders such as Babasaheb Patil, Laxmi Hebbalkar, MLA, and Channaraj Hattiholi, MLC, from Belagavi are busy in the preparations for the event, which is likely to see a congregation of around 3 lakh people.

Panchamasali demand

Together with the former Minister M.B. Patil, Mr. Kulkarni had led the movement to seek independent religion status for Lingayat faith before the last Assembly polls.

Mr. Kulkarni belongs to the Lingayat Panchamasali community, a demographically strong section which is the news for its continued agitations on the demand for inclusion under 2-A category of the other backward classes. In the Panchamasali movement, Mr. Kulkarni is seen with BJP leaders Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Arvind Bellad, among others. Mr. Bellad and Mr. Yatnal courted controversy recently for their remarks on taking away reservation facilities from Muslims and giving them to Panchamasalis.

Mr. Kulkarni was arrested on November 5, 2020, in connection with the murder of zilla panchaayat member Yogeeshgouda Goudar and after the apex court granted him bail he was released from Hindalaga prison in Belagavi in August 2021, after nine months of his arrest. Mr. Kulkarni was a Minister in Siddaramaiah-led Cabinet after having won from Dharwad for the second time in 2013. He lost against BJP's Amrut Desai in 2018.

Seven women killed, two critically injured in road accident near Bidar

All were farm labourers and were returning home after work in a vehicle designed to carry goods

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Mangled remains: The accident occurred at Bemalkheda village, about 50 km from Bidar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Seven women were killed and two critically injured in a road accident at Bemalkheda village, about 50 km from Bidar in north Karnataka, late on Friday.

The victims were agricultural labourers and were returning from a farm to their village, Udamanalli, in Chitaguppa taluk when their three-wheeler (locally called tum-tum) collided with a tipper at Bemalkheda.

The deceased have been identified as Prabhavathi Devendra, 36, Yadamma Ashmitha, 40, Gundamma Narasinga, 52, Jakkamma, 32, Rukminibai Amritha, 60, Eshwaramma Bakkappa, 55, and Manjula, 40. Jagannath Natekar and Ashok, drivers of the autorickshaw and tipper truck, and nine others were injured in the accident.

Head-on collision

According to the police, the vehicles collided head-on, killing one person on the spot. The injured were rushed to Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences (BRIMS). Four of them were declared brought dead and two died later.

According to Bidar Deputy Commissioner Govinda Reddy, the condition of the two patients -– one admitted to a private hospital and other to BRIMS – is critical and eight others admitted to BRIMS are stable.

Stating that it is not an accident-prone area, Mr. Reddy said, "Farm owners arrange transportation for labourers who are picked up from their homes in the morning and dropped back in the evening after work. Normally, three-wheelers carry the labourers." He attributed the accident to carelessness of the drivers.

Packed three-wheelers

Tum-tums are commonly used to ferry labourers in Kalyana Karnataka region. There are several instances of overloaded three-wheelers, designed to carry goods, meeting with fatal accidents.

On Saturday, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy Bhagwanth Khuba visited BRIMS and said he had discussed with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai about compensation to be given to the families of those killed. "He has agreed to ₹5 lakh to the kin of those killed. He has also assured that the government would bear the hospital expenses of the injured," Mr. Khuba said.

Bandeppa Kashempur, MLA for Bidar South and former Minister, demanded ₹10 lakh compensation to each family of the deceased and ₹5 lakh to the injured.

INBRIEF

Meditation: Education Minister hits back at critics

After facing much criticism from certain quarters and Opposition leaders about the decision to include mandatory *dhyana* (meditation) for all the students of schools and pre-university colleges in the State, Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh on Saturday took to Twitter to retort at the comments.

Replying to a tweet made by Opposition leader Siddaramaiah questioning the priorities of the Education Department, Mr. Nagesh said, "It is unfortunate that you are trying to create confusion about a good idea like children meditating for 10 minutes for better mental and physical health, concentration and personality development." He also said that it was ridiculous to say that yoga and meditation would hinder children's skill development when researchers, scientists, and doctors had said the contrary.

Several educationists in the State had also called the move to introduce meditation an "arbitrary decision" and an "attempt to saffronise education" in the guise of meditation.

Felicitation to Kharge in Bengaluru today

Karnataka State unit of the Congress has planned a grand felicitation on Sunday for veteran leader M. Mallikarjun Kharge on his recent elevation as president of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). Mr. Kharge will be visiting the State for the first time after assuming the post.

Called 'Sarvodaya Samavesha' and to be held at the Palace Grounds in Bengaluru, the event will be attended by Karnataka in charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, among others.

Opposition leaders hit out at Health Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Opposition leaders have hit out at Health Minister K. Sudhakar over what they described as his "insensitive remarks" following the death of a woman and her twin newborns in Tumakuru due to medical negligence.

In a series of tweets, former Chief Ministers Siddaramaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy said that it was insensitive of the Minister to ask if there were no medical negligence cases during their terms rather than take moral responsibility for the deaths of the woman and her newborns after she was turned away from a government hospital for not having Aadhaar and Tayi card.

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Smti.Chandana Sharma
... Respondent

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7	Engaging Private Tractor and Labours for Ward Maintenance in Ward No. 170 - Azad Nagar (For One Year)	15.00	18,750/-
8	Flood control works and desilting of drains at Flood affected areas in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No. 169	40.00	50,000/-

Cost of Tender form in Rs: (Non-refundable) inclusive of VAT : As per E-procrement portal. **Period of completion :** 90 days for each work.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Date: 08.11.2022. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours Date: 16.11.2022 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Opening of Tender Document date: 17.11.2022 at 11.30 hours. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division

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INBRIEF

TTD refutes allegations of buying government bonds

Putting an end to the rumours of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) purchasing State government bonds worth ₹5,000 crore, Executive Officer A.V. Dharma Reddy, on Saturday, released a white paper on its cash and gold deposits. Rubbishing the rumours, Mr. Reddy said that the TTD has never invested in government bonds in the past nor will do it even in the future.

5 madrasa students, teacher drown in lake in Telangana

Five students of a city-based madrasa drowned in the village tank of Malkaram in Telangana's Medchal-Malkajgiri district on Saturday. The man who tried to rescue them also drowned.

The incident took place around noon when the boys went for a swim and reportedly slipped into deeper waters.

Yahaya, 25, one of the teachers who was alerted to the incident, rushed to the spot and attempted to rescue them but in vain.

The police, with the help of expert swimmers, retrieved all bodies and shifted them to Gandhi Hospital. The Jawaharnagar police, in a preliminary observation, said that there was

Goa-based drug supplier arrested by Hyderabad Police

The Ramgopalpet Police along with the Hyderabad Narcotic Enforcement Wing on Saturday arrested an absconding drug supplier from Goa wanted here in related offences. Edwin Nunes, who owns the Curlie's Beach Shack in Goa's Anjuna, the police said, was booked under various provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. The police said he organised expensive parties, supplied drugs through his agents and delivered contraband substances to his customers at Curlie's.

Centre lifts work restrictions under MGNREGS for Kerala

Central govt. increases cap on number of ongoing works in a gram panchayat from 20 to 50; the State has also demanded more funds under the scheme to provide employment

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

In focus: The Centre had said the muster roll for new work may not be issued if 20 works are available in a gram panchayat. FILE PHOTO

Capitulating to the persistent demand from the Kerala government, the Union Rural Development Ministry has lifted the restriction on number of simultaneous work in a gram panchayat under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the State.

In a letter to Kerala on Friday, the Ministry has said that instead of the existing cap of 20 ongoing works per gram panchayat, the State can have up to 50.

The Centre had directed the States, by an order in July, that the muster roll for new work may not be issued if 20 number of works are available in a gram panchayat. Minister for Local Self-government M.B. Rajesh wrote to the Union Rural Development Minister on October 3, urging it to consider the restrictions for "panchayat wards" instead of panchayats in States such as Kerala, where the panchayats are big in geographical area and population.

"On account of the restrictions imposed by the Ministry, we may not be in a position to provide jobs to many registered job card holders who demand work," he wrote.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Rajesh welcomed the move. "But there are several other pressing issues that requires urgent attention. For example, the Centre owed us ₹19 crore for social audit, but gave only ₹2.69 crore and the State had to give the social audit department, which is supposed to be independent of the government ₹3 crore," he said.

The next expected flashpoint is the reduced person days under MGNREGS. "In the past two financial years, we had 10 crore person days, but this year, the funds were reduced and we got only six crore person days. In the past seven months, we have exhausted 80% of it. We will have to ask for more funds soon," he added.

'Law needed to book cases against parents for harassing children over their custody'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It is high time that the State and the UNICEF thought about proper legislation to arraign parents, both mother and father, as accused persons for harassing their children in child custody cases as courts are witnessing educated parents abusing their children due to their personal ego, said Justice B. Veerappa, a judge of the High Court of Karnataka, on Saturday.

"Many educated parents harass their children for their personal ego... Such abuse of children can be stopped by registering criminal cases against such parents," he said. He was speaking at a State-level consultation on the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (PCOSO) Act, 2012, organised by the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court of Karnataka.

The courts, both the High Court and family courts, come across a large number of cases between couples who are in conflict over the issue of custody of their children and visitation rights.

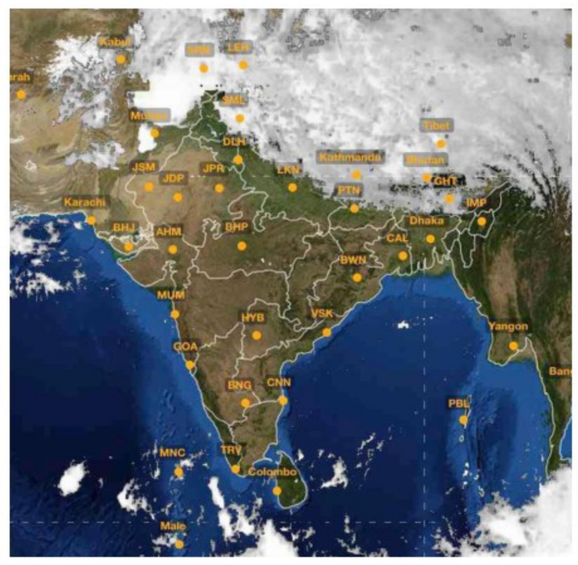
Love affairs

Mr. Justice Veerappa also said that there was a need for legislative changes in the POCSO Act for considering love affairs differently, other than the cases of child sexual abuse. He said that awareness of the POCSO Act was considerably high in Karnataka.

Justice K.S. Mudagal, Chairman of the HC's Juvenile Justice Committee, said the cases registered under the POCSO Act were on the rise in the State.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Kerala, Mahe, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands and heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.9	21.8	Kozhikode	0.1	34.4	25.7
Ahmedabad	—	36.5	18.9	Kurnool	—	33.0	23.2
Aizawl	—	26.4	17.3	Lucknow	—	30.4	19.6
Allahabad	—	31.5	18.3	Madurai	11.0	30.0	23.0
Bengaluru	—	27.5	19.4	Mangaluru	3.0	33.3	23.8
Bhopal	—	34.3	17.5	Mumbai	—	34.6	24.2
Bhubaneswar	—	32.6	20.1	Mysuru	—	28.9	21.4
Chandigarh	—	29.7	18.0	New Delhi	—	30.0	17.4
Chennai	—	31.2	24.0	Patna	—	30.8	18.2
Coimbatore	—	30.4	21.6	Port Blair	—	30.5	25.4
Dehradun	—	27.5	14.3	Puducherry	—	32.3	22.4
Gangtok	—	20.2	11.5	Pune	—	31.5	15.6
Goa	—	34.4	24.1	Raipur	—	31.0	16.5
Guwahati	—	31.5	20.0	Ranchi	—	28.2	16.4
Hubballi	—	31.0	19.0	Shillong	2.0	23.1	12.5
Hyderabad	—	30.5	20.2	Shimla	—	21.8	12.0
Imphal	—	28.8	14.1	Srinagar	—	15.6	5.6
Jaipur	—	34.8	18.9	Thiruvananthapuram	8.0	30.2	23.7
Kochi	6.0	30.4	24.8	Tiruchi	2.0	31.3	23.0
Kohima	—	23.4	9.8	Vijayawada	0.2	31.0	24.4
Kolkata	—	31.7	20.8	Visakhapatnam	—	32.6	24.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.88	140	.9	158	202	
Bengaluru	6	38	38	47	60	
Chennai	2	30	16	34	37	
Delhi	.10	70	36	408	385	
Hyderabad	3	34	41	157	122	
Kolkata	.16	31	15	230	153	
Lucknow	.13	101	29	333	202	
Mumbai	.21	80	60	267	153	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	.33	26	61	121	120	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dharuhera, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 408 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಇಂ:ಲೋವಿಚಿ:ಜೆಇ–3:ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ–72:2022–23/2742 ದಿ: 04.11.2022

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಯೋಜನಾ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಇಂ:ಲೋವಿಚಿ:ಟೆಂಡರ್–72:2022–23, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.10.2022 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ ಕ್ರಸಂ. 2ರಲ್ಲಿ ಫ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು 05.11.2022 ರಂದು ಇರುವುದನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2022ಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರಸಂ. 4ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.11.202ರ ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.11.2022ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 16.30 ಎಂದು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/668/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, BASAVANA BAGEWADI
Publication of E-Procurement Tender

Tender have been invited through E-Procurement to buy and distribute eggs to children for the age group of 6 months to 6 years and pregnant and lactating mothers under the Mathrupurna Scheme in 420 Anganawadi Centers under the Basavana Bagewadi Child Development Project for the year 2022-2023. Short TimeTender Website number will be www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in. The estimated value of the tender is Rs. 3,05,64,144/- and tender EMD Amount of Rs. 4,58,462/-

TENDER SCHEDULE

1) Tender Reference No.: No. WCD/ICDS/EGG/1/2021/E-597342 Dated. 24.06.2022
2. Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from e-Procurement website http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in: From 04.11.2022
3. Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting: 15.11.2022 at 11:00 AM at the following venue: Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Basavana Bagewadi. Department of Women and Child Development, Vijayapur. Address: SrtiShakti Bhavan, Ingaleshwar Road, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk: Basavana Bagewadi, District: Vijayapur, State: Karnataka, Pincode: 586203
4. Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in e-Procurement Portal:10.11.2022 up to 05:00 PM
5. Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in e-Procurement portal:18.11.2022 up to 5:00 PM
6. Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: 21.11.2022, 05:00 PM
7. Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids: 24.11.2022, 12:00 PM
8. Place of opening of Tenders: Child Development Project Officer, Basavana Bagewadi, e-Procurement Portal
9. Address for Communication: Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Basavana Bagewadi. Department of Women and Child Development, Vijayapur. Address: SrtiShakti Bhavan, Ingaleshwar Road, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk: Basavana Bagewadi, District: Vijayapur, State: Karnataka, Pincode: 586203 Phone: +919902533883, +918147063403 Email: cdpobgd@gmail.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Basavana Bagewadi

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/518/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 17/2022–23/3091–95 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02–11–2022

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ರನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆ.ಶೀ: 8443– ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.143.20 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02–11–2022 ರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17–11–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

Government of Karnataka
Department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysore.
Expression of Interest Notification Number: DAMH/CW/EOI/2022-23, Date: 31.10.2022

On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysuru has invited the Expression of Interest under adopt a monument scheme for DAMH/2022-23/EOI/T-5 to T-28 Tender documents can be obtained through e-portal https;//eproc.karnataka.gov.in from date 02.11.2022 onwards.
Date of release of EOI: 31.10.2022. **Date of Pre-Application Conference:** 24.11.2022 at 11.30 Hours **Tender validity period – 180 days**: 14.06.2023 17.00 Hours. **Last date for submitting proposals:** 16.12.2022 at 15.00 Hours. **Opening of proposals:** 19.12.2022 at 15.30 Hours.
Sd/- Devaraju. A. K.A.S, Commissioner, Archaeology, museums and Heritage Department, Mysore

DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/639/2022-23

Government Of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner Office, Koppal
District Urban Development Cell District: Koppal State: Karnataka
Office Ph : 08539-221895 e-mail : itstaff_dudc_koppal@yahoo.com
Fax No : 08539-221235

Ref. No: 83179/(KOP-DC-11/57/2022-PD(DUDC)_KOPDC-KOPPAL DC Date: 02-11-2022

::TENDER NOTIFICATION:: :: E-Procurement ::

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders from Contractors who are eligible for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in CMC Gangavati Urban Local Body limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Brief Description 1) **CMC Gangavati Indent No: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT140446.** Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs) : **431.52.** EMD (in Lakhs) : **5.95.** Period of Completion (Months) : **11.** 1) Available of Tender Forms (Through Online) : **31-10-2022 Morning 10:00 am.** 2) Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : **09-11-2022 Morning 10:00 am** 3) Date of Quaries : **09-11-2022 Evening 5:30 pm.** 4) Last Date for Submission of Tender : **30-11-2022 Evening 5:30 pm.** 5) Date of Technical Bid opening Tenders : **03-12-2022 Morning 10.00 am.**

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
DUDC Koppal District

DIPR/KOPPAL/420/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL

NO.RWS/Dn/KPL/JJM/2022-23/ 1090 Date:03-11-2022

E-PROCURMENT NOTIFICATION (Third Call)
Double Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for JJM MVS DBOT Work The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through e-procurement mode through portol http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

General Information: 1) Contractor should submit the Tender Bid Documents through Online Only. 2) All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. 3) EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only 4) Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from **03/11/2022.**

Tender Processing Fee : As Per E-Procurement

1) Tender Downloading Date : **03/11/2022 11:00 AM to 15/11/2022.** 2) Tender receiving Date and Time : **03/11/2022 11:00 AM to 15/11/2022 17:30 Hours.** : 3) Technical Bid Opening Date and Time : **17/11/2022 11:00 Hours.** 4) Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent Authority : **18/11/2022** or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority.

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within 8 days from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal

DIPR/KOPPAL/423/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

KELADI SHIVAPPA NAYAKA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, IRUVAKKI, SAGARA TALUK SHIVAMOGGA
Office of the Estate Officer, Iruvakki, Anandapura, Sagar Taluq, Shivamogga District - 577412

Ph :08182-267008, Email :eo@uahs.edu.in
No. : KSNUAHS(I)/EO/TN-19/2022-23 Date: 04.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Iruvakki has invited short term tender as per the standard tender document KW I, II & III from the registered contractors. The details of tender notification, condition of two cover system, schedule, specifications are available in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender form fees, is as per the e procurement portal norms. The EMD & Tender processing fees shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.**Schedules of Events :** (1) Last date for uploading the tender: **18.11.2022 at 4.00 P M** (2) Opening of Technical bid : **19.11.2022 at 4.30 P M** (3) Opening of Financial bid : **21.11.2022 at 11.00 A M.**

Further details can be sought from the office of the undersigned during working hours. The tenderers need to register with e-procurement portal. For more details please contact e-procurement helpdesk @ hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com or +91-8046010000 on working days and the Estate Officer, KSNUAHS, Sharavathi Administrative Block, Iruvakki, Anandapura, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga – 577412.

Sd/- Estate Officer
University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences Shivamogga

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal system)

Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, from eligible bidders who satisfies through GO e-procurement platform shall submit the bid as per Ref No 1 in **One cover & Two cover Electronic document system** for **05 number of works under the head of account 4701** under this division **for the year 2022-23. Calendar events as given below**

Description:- Date of access to tender document and submission of completed tender. **For Reference No:1:** From: 05-11-2022 to25-11-2022 up to 5.30 PM **For Reference No:2:** From: 05-11-2022 to 17-11-2022 up to 5.30 PM

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Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected / Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the e procurement portal.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT VIDHANA SOUDHA, Bangalore

No. FD 03 BMB 2022 **Bengaluru, November 05, 2022**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **7.97% Karnataka SDL 2022** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification No. FD 01 BMB 2018 dated **November 30, 2018** will be repaid at par on **December 05, 2022** with interest due up to and including **December 04, 2022.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accure on the loan from and after December 05, 2022.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24(2) and 24(3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced/registered for payment of interest, as the case my be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to faciliate repayment on the due date, holders of **7.97% Karnataka SDL 2022** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate"

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to recieve payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/-
Secretary to Government
(Budget & Resources)
Finance Department

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From Page One

Kashmir Valley wakes up to nightlife

In the days since the T20 tournament, scores of families, including women and children, swarm the stadium with eatables to watch late-evening cricket matches. "It's a spectacle for us," said Manzoor Najar, a resident. "We would never stay out of our homes till late in the evening. This area used to be pitch dark. Only drug addicts would dare roam around. That has changed."

The matches under the lights now end around 10 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., with the area witnessing an unusual milling around of locals and vehicles till late into the night. Around 120 high-beam lights erected on eight poles at the cost of ₹1.24 crore have made the stadium an island of life for the youth living around Rajouri Kadal.

Just five kilometres away, towards downtown Srinagar, Irfan Majeed Mir is busy curating the second round of the Khan Bagh T20 Night Tournament in the Lal Bazaar area. Sixteen teams from and around Lal Bazaar are participating in the tournament, with matches starting in the cold November evenings and ending by 10 p.m.

"Teams pay from their own pockets for the diesel generators. People get entertained. Such tournaments also check the spread of drugs among the youth. Many drug addicts play and the game has changed their lives," Mr. Mir said. The tournament has already produced two fast-scoring batsmen in Ashiq Basheer from Ahmad Nagar who has a strike rate of 169 and Ishfaq Shah from Lal Bazaar with a 162 strike rate.

CricHeroes, a mobile application, is installed on many phones to check the rating of the players. Many matches are beamed live on social media platforms like Facebook. At a recent match, crowds cheered 'Watson, Watson', as a bowler who looks like and imitates Australia's former captain Shane Watson took on the batsmen of the Miraco Falcons team. "Gone are the days when games were meant only for Sundays and would depend on the weather and the situation of the day. We are hopeful to play till we have the first snowfall this winter," said Majid Khan, a local resident from Lal Bazaar, as the temperature dipped and the autumn haze spread on to the pitch.

Dozen more stadiums

Since 2019, the JKSSC has installed floodlights at five places in Srinagar city. The first to host a football tournament under the lights was the Astro-Turf Football Ground in June 2019. As well-lit stadiums have proved a success among locals in other districts of the Valley, the sports council plans to add around a dozen floodlit stadiums in the coming months. Over the past three years, most districts have seen such stadiums being built, especially in south Kashmir.

"We were astonished by the response we saw in Sopore [in Baramulla]," said the Council's joint secretary Bashir Ahmad Bhat. Sopore was known as a hub of militancy and separatism in the 1990s. "A tournament organised under the 'My youth, my pride' programme in October saw over 10,000 spectators watching the matches on a daily basis for 45 days. It was unbelievable," he added.

Bypolls to Mainpuri, 5 Assembly seats in Dec.

Odisha's Padampur, Rajasthan's Sardarshahar, Bihar's Kurhani and Chhatisgarh's Bhanupratappur are the remaining Assembly seats that will vote on December 5. Votes will be counted on December 8. The EC said the model code of conduct would come into force with immediate effect in the districts where the bypolls were going to be held.

Bring back BJP for development: Modi

"Congress had always tricked people by making false promises. Whenever Congress comes to power all the development works come to a standstill," he said in Sundernagar. "For years, the Congress made promises about the 'One-Rank One-Pension' scheme for Army men but never implemented it. We came to power and implemented the OROP. The BJP works hard to ensure the fulfilment of all its promises.. Didn't we fulfil the promise of abrogation of Article 370? We promised Ram Temple and today Ram Mandir is being built," he added. Mr. Modi alleged that after Independence, the Congress party committed the country's first scam in the defence sector. "When the Congress was in power, they took commissions in defence deals and committed scams of thousands of crores. All this resulted in delays in buying weapons. Also, Congress never wanted the country to become self-reliant in defence material. By taking commissions, the Congress played with many lives," alleged Mr. Modi.

Earlier, the Prime Minister visited Radha Soami Satsang at Beas in Punjab and met sect head Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon. The sect has followers across the country, especially in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. With the Assembly election in Himachal just around the corner, the visit is being seen as politically significant.

Navy chiefs of Quad in Japan ahead of Malabar Exercise

The meeting on the naval exercise, which was started in 1992 between India and the U.S., will go on till November 9; this comes at a time when a Chinese research vessel *Yuan Wang-6* has entered the Indian Ocean Region via the Sunda Strait

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Showing strength in sea: Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar meeting with his counterparts of Australia, Japan and the U.S. just before the commencement of Ex Malabar in Japan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Navy chiefs of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S., which comprise the Quadrilateral (Quad) grouping, met in Japan on Saturday and exchanged views on "further enhancing interoperability" in future editions of the Malabar multilateral naval exercise. Meanwhile, a Chinese research vessel, *Yuan Wang-6*, has entered the Indian Ocean via the Sunda Strait.

The meeting in Tokyo comes ahead of a series of multilateral engagements in the next couple of weeks to be hosted by Japan. This year marks 30 years of the Malabar Exercise, which began as a bilateral exercise between India and the U.S. in 1992.

While the course of the Chinese vessel is not known, official sources said the Indian Navy is keeping a close tab on its movements. This comes just three months after a major diplomatic showdown between India and Sri Lanka over the docking of a similar vessel from China at the Hambantota Port in the island nation in August.

Earlier in the day, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Admiral R. Hari Kumar, arrived in Japan on an official visit from November 5 to 9, where he will witness the International Fleet Review (IFR) conducted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force at Yokosuka on November 6 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of its formation, the Indian Navy said in a statement.

"During the visit, as one of the Observer Navies in the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS), the CNS will attend the 18th WPNS on November 7-8 at Yokohama, being hosted by Japan, as the current Chair of WPNS," the Navy stated.

Further, Admiral Kumar will also attend the inauguration of the Malabar Exercise being held at Yokosuka, and interact with his counterparts and other heads of delegations from close to 30 countries participating in the IFR, WPNS and the Malabar Exercise, according to the Navy.

Indian naval ships *Shivalik* and *Kamorta* arrived at Yokosuka on November 2 to participate in the IFR and the Malabar Exercise. "The presence of these indigenously built ships of the Indian Navy at these multi-national events will be an opportunity to showcase the shipbuilding capabilities of Indian shipyards during a large international gathering," the Navy added.

Chinese research vessel

The timing of the entry of *Yuan Wang-6* coincides with a planned long-range missile test by India next week. According to the open source intelligence handle on Twitter @detresfa, India has issued a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen), for a no-fly zone over the Bay of Bengal between November 10 and 11 for a maximum distance of 2,200 km. Given the range, the test is likely to be related to an Agni series of Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile.

According to the maritime vessel tracking portal marinetraffic.com, *Yuan Wang-6* departed from Jiangyin in China on October 21, and as on the morning of November 4, was located near Indonesia and heading in the southwest direction. While research activities are allowed in international waters as per international regulations, the data generated has a dual nature, including military, and many times, the motive of Chinese vessels seems doubtful, Defence officials have said.

Just a few days ago, the Japanese Defence Ministry said that a Chinese survey vessel had entered Japan's territorial waters in the early hours of November 2. This, according to an article in *The Diplomat* by Takahashi Kosuke with the *Janes Defence Weekly*, was the fourth time that a People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) vessel had intruded into Japan's waters this year, a record high.

In the past, Chinese naval vessels had been observed in the vicinity while the Malabar Exercise was under way. As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, there has been a steady rise in the deployment of Chinese research vessels in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), and the general area of deployment observed to be around the ninety-degree east ridge and southwest Indian ridge. Research or survey vessels have powerful equipment for snooping and gathering a range of data.

Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean began in 2008 under the garb of anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden.

With Centre's approval, sugar exports to resume

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government on Saturday allowed the export of six million tonnes of sugar on a quota basis till May 31, according to a Food Ministry notification. As per the notification, the Ministry allocated a uniform quota of 18.23% of the three years' average production of the sweetener in operational sugar seasons.

Sugar mills can export themselves or through exporters or swap with domestic sale quota of any other mills, it said. "In order to prevent uncontrolled export of sugar or with a view to ensure sufficient availability of sugar for domestic consumption at a reasonable price, the government has decided to allow the export of sugar up to a reasonable limit with effect from November 1 till May 31, 2023," it said.

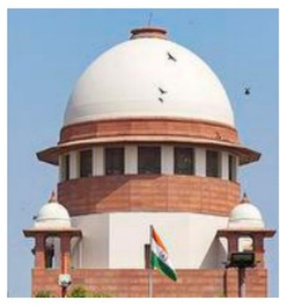
According to official sources, the first tranche of quota has been allowed only till May-end. Further allocation of quota for export will be decided based on the domestic sugar production.

In October alone, mills had produced 4.05 lakh tonnes of sugar, which was lower by 14.73% from the year-ago period, according to the cooperative body National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd.

The Centre had restricted sugar exports towards the end of the 2021-22 season (October-September).

'Redact sensitive portion': SC gives a way out of sealed cover affidavits

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI



The Supreme Court has suggested a way out of routinely filing documents in sealed covers, especially in cases touching on national security. The court said the government could redact the sensitive portions and show the rest to the petitioners. This would address both the state's concerns about "national security" and the "right to know" of petitioners.

In cases where the government insists on keeping materials confidential from petitioners in public interest, it ought to claim "specific privilege" in an affidavit and impress upon the court that the contents should remain confidential. The suggestion came from a Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli, which said the government has to present "extenuating circumstances" before confidentially passing materials to the court without disclosing them to the petitioners.

The observations came during a hearing on the challenge to the telecast ban on the Kerala-based Media One TV channel. The government wanted to pass on its internal files in a sealed cover. It did not want to share the contents with the media company whose security clearance was revoked in January on the grounds of "national security and public order" without specifying any further details.

The media company argued that passing on materials in a sealed cover to the court would compel the judges to accept the state's version, that too, in cases in which the government's narrative is under challenge and the fundamental rights of the petitioners are at stake.

"What is so great that you cannot share even the redacted files with them? You have to impress upon us what would be in the files, the disclosure of which to the other party would affect national security," Justice Chandrachud orally addressed and reserved the case for judgment on November 3.

The question heralds a turn in the tide in a court which has in the past entertained sealed covers even while efforts were on to embrace the concept of 'open court' through live-streaming proceedings.

However, a counter-thought against the routine passing on of sealed covers in violation of natural justice has persisted in the Supreme Court as is evident through a small clutch of judgments. These verdicts highlight the right to information as an important facet of the right to freedom of speech and expression. They said that a democracy sworn to transparency and accountability should necessarily respect the right of an individual to know. The State cannot "take away these rights in an implied fashion or in casual and cavalier manner".

The most recent one was in the *S.P. Velumani* case verdict of May 2022 in which the Supreme Court criticised the Madras High Court's decision to permit a report to remain "shrouded in sealed cover" when the State had not even claimed any specific privilege.

In *Anuradha Bhasin*, the court said sensitive portions in government records "can be redacted or such material can be claimed as privileged, if the state justifies such redaction on the grounds, as allowed under the law".

Uttarakhand forms panel to draft MBBS syllabus in Hindi

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Inspired by Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand will start medical education in Hindi, State Health Minister Dhan Singh Rawat said on Saturday. The State aims at drafting the Hindi curriculum, parallel to the English one, from the next academic session in all subjects.

"The real aim of New [National] Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is to promote Hindi and regional languages. Uttarakhand is a State where 70% students have their education, till intermediate (12th), in Hindi. Having books for professional education like MBBS and engineering in Hindi will help students," Mr. Rawat told *The Hindu*.

Uttarakhand has four government medical colleges in Dehradun, Srinagar (Pauri), Haldwani and Almora. It has 525 MBBS seats, of which 85% are reserved for the students of Uttarakhand and 15% for students from outside the State. To prepare the syllabus in Hindi, the Medical Education Department has constituted a four-member expert committee.

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> **DHAN SINGH RAWAT**
> Health Minister

Dr. C.M.S. Rawat, Principal of Government Medical College, Srinagar is the chairman of the committee and Dr. A.K. Singh, Professor of Haldwani Medical College, and Dr. Hari Shankar Pandey as members. Dr. Daulat Singh is the Member Secretary.

Indians are 'very talented' people: Putin

Press Trust of India
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin again praised India's growth story, and said its people were "very talented" and "purposeful".

Speaking on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Russian Historical Society on Friday, he said, "Let's take a look at India. Very talented people, purposeful, with such a drive for internal development will achieve outstanding results."

Centre asks States to ensure balanced availability of public bus and Metro train services across cities

Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

With the continuing expansion of the metro rail network across India, the Centre has asked State Transport Corporations across the country to conduct route rationalisation of public bus services along existing as well as upcoming Metro train routes.

India is poised to overtake Japan and South Korea to become the third largest Metro rail network in the world, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri said at the 15th Urban Mobility India Conference in Kochi on Friday. In line with the Centre's objective of 'moving people rather than vehicles', there was a need, the Minister emphasised, to fully utilise the potential of urban transport systems, including buses and Metro rail networks, by 2047.

Right track: India is poised to have the world's third largest Metro network connectivity. FILE PHOTO

"Both public buses and Metro train systems are crucial components of urban mobility; at the same time, however, there is a need to ensure that both these systems complement each other," a source said.

"The Ministry has directed all States to conduct route rationalisation of buses in the interest of commuter convenience and multimodal mobility. The step is also expected to bring about a faster shift of commuters to public transportation," the source added.

With road space decreasing given the incremental increase in the vehicular population on an annual basis, the step essentially aims at striking a balance between the number of buses already plying and actually needed along routes where a Metro rail network exists or is coming up.

INBRIEF

AAP names 21 more candidates for Gujarat polls

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) announced 21 more candidates on Saturday, increasing the number of candidates announced to 139 for the Assembly election in Gujarat. Its list of candidates was released in Gujarat by the State AAP office. According to sources in the party, its remaining 43 candidates will likely be announced within a week for the upcoming polls.

AAP ticket in Gujarat is decided by BJP, says Congress

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is working in collusion with the BJP for the upcoming Gujarat Assembly polls and AAP candidates are being decided by Gujarat's ruling, former Gujarat lawmaker Indranil Rajguru, who quit the AAP to rejoin the Congress, alleged on Saturday. Mr. Rajguru said he wanted ticket for 15 AAP leaders who were in a position to win but these were being distributed to help the BJP win.

Congress first list for Gujarat election is a balancing act

The candidates fielded by the party include those from the OBC and Patidar community, along with newcomers in the ruling BJP's urban strongholds of Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

In its first list of 43 candidates announced on Friday midnight, the Congress in Gujarat has attempted a social balancing act to offer representation to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Patidars while choosing new faces for urban seats that the party has not won in the past 15 years.

The Opposition party's list included 10 candidates from the Scheduled Tribes and five from the Scheduled Castes for the reserved seats. It includes candidates for seats in urban areas of Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara, which are regarded as bastions of the ruling BJP.

For example, the party has fielded its Rajya Sabha member Amee Yagnik in Ghatlodia in Ahmedabad to take on Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Ghatlodia is part of western Ahmedabad, containing posh localities such as Bodakdev, Memnagar and Thaltej and sprawling middle-class areas such as Shilaj and Bopal. The fight appears to be symbolic here as the constituency is a stronghold of the BJP.

All set: The party's list incuded 10 candidtes from ST. VIJAY SONEJI

In another part of the Ahmedabad city, the Congress party senses a chance in Amraiwadi containing middle and lower-middle-class areas and slums inhabited by a migrant population. Here it has fielded a Patidar leader Dharmendra Patel, who had lost by a narrow margin in the byelection conducted in 2019.

From Dascroi, another Ahmedabad city seat with an electorate of more than four lakh which is also considered a BJP stronghold, the Congress has fielded a first-time candidate and OBC leader, Umedi Zala.

In Surat, the party has fielded Praful Togadia from Varachha Road and Nilesh Kumbhani from Kamrej, both Patidar leaders in seats which are dominated by Patidars who have settled in Surat after migrating from Saurashtra. Here also, the Opposition party's candidates are first timers.

In north Gujarat, the party has fielded two Rabari community candidates: Sanjay Rabari from Deesa and Banaskantha and Mukesh Desai from Kheralu in Mehsana.

The Rabaris are an OBC community spread across the north Gujarat area who are engaged in dairy farming and cattle rearing businesses.

Manifesto out, Cong. banks on 'freebies' for Himachal polls

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The party promises one lakh government jobs, interest-free loans to set up start-up units

The Congress is betting its fortune on 'freebies' in an attempt to garner support ahead of next week's Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh, going by its manifesto released on Saturday. As part of its bid to wrest power in the State, the party has promised free electricity up to 300 units monthly to all households and ₹1,500 financial assistance of monthly to women aged between 18 to 60 years. However, the party declined to name a Chief Ministerial face.

When asked at the manifesto release event in Shimla about who would be the Congress's CM candidate, the party's State incharge, Rajeev Shukla, only said that election was being fought under a collective leadership. The election to 68 seats in the Assembly is slated for November 12.

In its manifesto, the Congress vowed to restore the Old Pension Scheme for government employees and open mobile clinics in every village. It also promised to constitute the Agriculture and Horticulture Commission and fix minimum procurement prices in consultation with the growers.

The manifesto promises one lakh government jobs. It also said it would give interest-free loans and other assistance for youth wishing to set up start-up units, with ₹10 crore being provided to all Assembly segments in the State. A new tourism policy will be developed, and "smart village" projects to promote rural tourism, it added.

Bharat Jodo Yatra turns 'big tent', as activists and interest groups meet Rahul *en route*

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Over 1,500 km, five States and 59 days. As the Bharat Jodo Yatra completes two months and is all set to enter Maharashtra on Monday, has Rahul Gandhi been able to change the popular perception regarding his leadership abilities? That is a question that is increasingly being asked in political circles.

United front: The yatra is an important step to establish a direct connect with the voters. PTI

For the record, Mr. Gandhi has repeatedly said he is not leading his party's long march, but is one of the 100-odd Bharat Yatris who will complete the 3,570-km Kanniyakumari-to-Kashmir journey.

But the party's most ambitious political programme is as much about showcasing Mr. Gandhi as it is about reconnecting with the masses. Over the past two months, hundreds of members of civil society, rights activists representing different causes and interest groups have interacted with the former Congress chief and participated in the long march.

"They [the BJP] have only one agenda – to demolish Rahul Gandhi. I am very happy to say that through this journey, people of India are themselves realising the real face of Shri. Rahul Gandhi," Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal told party colleagues at Mallikarjun Kharge's formal taking-over ceremony as the party president.

"The people of India are now demolishing the 'lie machine' of our opponents. That is what we are witnessing through this yatra," Mr. Venugopal added.

The debate around Mr. Gandhi's leadership is firmly back with actor-turned-politician Shatrughan Sinha, who recently moved from the Congress to the Trinamool Congress, lauding him.

Earlier, in a sign of greater acceptance of Mr. Gandhi among senior Opposition leaders, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar had announced that he would join the padayatra once it entered Maharashtra. But with Mr. Pawar now unwell, other leaders from NCP and Shiv Sena are expected to represent their parties.

"There are two aspects to the yatra. First, we have to see how well it [the yatra] is received in North India. And second, the Congress has to win elections for it to be taken seriously. If they win Karnataka next year, the game is on," said a senior leader of a regional party who didn't wish to be named.

Political observers say the yatra is an important step to establish a direct connection with the voters and bypass mainstream media often accused 'bias' against the Congress.

Kharge says millions need employment, hits out at PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over unemployment issue, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said the PM is handing over appointment letters to thousands when "millions of youth" are in search of jobs.

While Mr. Modi came to power with a promise of creating two crore new jobs every year, Mr. Kharge alleged that it took eight years for the BJP-led Union government even to think of filling 10 lakh existing vacancies in government departments.

"Today, when millions of youth search for jobs, PM is handing over some thousand appointment letters!" the Congress president said in one of his several tweets on unemployment.

He said Mr. Modi is holding 'Rozgar Melas', handing out appointment letters, and has addressed the *melas* giving 75,000 letters in Delhi, 13,000 in Gujarat, and 3,000 in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Congress chief said rural India is facing an unprecedented challenge with average unemployment in the past six years recorded at 7.02%, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

The situation is so desperate that for 40,000 posts under the Agnipath scheme, the government received 35 lakh applications, he pointed out.

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No. 2204/E-32013/8/22-(DEPUTATION) Date: 03.11.2022

VACANCY NOTICE ON DEPUTATION

Applications invited in prescribed pro-forma from eligible Officers/ Officials of Central/ State/ U. T. Government/ Universities/ Statutory/ Autonomous Bodies/ Public Sector Undertaking/ Research and Development Organisations for filling up the following Group 'A' & 'B' Posts on Deputation Basis (including short term contract) at **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani, West Bengal.**

Sl.	Name of Post	Group	Pay Matrix & Level	No. Posts
1.	Medical Superintendent [Transfer on Deputation (including Short Term Contract)]	A	Level- 14; as per 7th CPC (Rs.144200-218200)+NPA	01
2.	Executive Engineer (Civil)	A	Level-11 as per 7th CPC (Rs. 67700 - 208700)	01
3.	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	A	Level-11 as per 7th CPC (Rs. 67700 - 208700)	01
4.	Nursing Superintendent	A	Level-11 as per 7th CPC (Rs. 67700 - 208700)	01
5.	Assistant Stores Officer	B	Level-7 as per 7th CPC (Rs. 44900 - 142400)	01

i) Maximum age limit for applying for the aforesaid posts on deputation is 56 years as on last date of receipt of applications.
ii) The period of deputation will be for a period of 3 (three) years and extendable for maximum period of seven years as per DoPT guidelines.
iii) The Officers/Officials who fulfill the specified eligibility conditions may submit their application in the prescribed pro-forma at **Annexure-I** through proper channel to **The Executive Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalyani, First Floor, Administrative Building, NH-34 Connector, Basantapur, Saguna, Kalyani, District Nadia, West Bengal 741245.**
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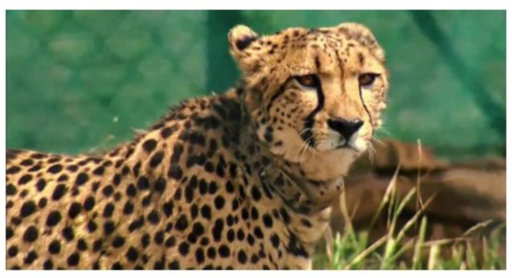
INBRIEF

Cyrus Mistry death: police file case of rash driving

Two months after former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry was killed in a car accident, the Maharashtra police on Saturday registered a case against Anahita Pandole, a Mumbai-based gynaecologist who was driving the car, for rash driving. "Based on the reports and probe, it has been established that the accident was the result of rash and negligent driving," and hence a case has been registered against Dr. Pandole, the police said. Mistry (54) and his friend Jahangir Pandole were killed in the car crash on a bridge across the Surya on September 4. PTI

'Show equal respect to Jana Gana Mana, Vande Mataram'

The Centre has told the Delhi High Court that the national anthem *Jana Gana Mana* and the national song *Vande Mataram* "stand on the same level" and that citizens should show equal respect to both. "While unlike the national anthem, there are no penal provisions or official instructions about singing or playing *Vande Mataram*, the song occupies a unique place in the emotions and psyche of Indians and all directions of the High Courts and the Supreme Court concerning the song are being followed," the Centre said. PTI



2 cheetahs in Kuno National Park released into enclosure

Two of the eight cheetahs inside the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh were on Saturday released into an acclimatisation enclosure from the quarantine area where they were kept since their translocation from Namibia in September, an official said. "The remaining six cheetahs will also be released in a phased manner," KNP Divisional Forest Officer Prakash Kumar Verma added. The enclosure is an area of more than five square km, officials said. Eventually, the eight cheetahs will be released into the wild as per plans. PTI

Haryana police detain MBBS students for holding protest

In a crackdown on MBBS students protesting against the Haryana government's bond policy for government medical colleges, the Rohtak Police detained nearly 300 students in the early hours of Saturday. The police action came ahead of the visit of Governor, Chief Minister and Home Minister to PGI campus for the convocation of Pt. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences. The police said the students were evacuated in view of the VVIP protocol.

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Helming UN in China, a former Indian military officer

SPECIAL

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

An Indian military officer who fought for the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka and battled insurgencies in Nagaland now finds himself helming a different kind of mission: leading the United Nations and its 26 agencies in China.

Siddharth Chatterjee's rise to becoming the UN Resident Coordinator for China – one of the agency's key global positions given Beijing's rising importance in the UN system – leaves a former Indian soldier in an unlikely position – the equivalent of a former PLA soldier guiding the UN's agencies in India.

In his job, Mr. Chatterjee engages every day with senior Chinese Communist Party officials and assists China in achieving its development targets.

In an interview, the National Defence Academy (NDA) graduate and former 10 Para special forces officer said he was himself surprised by how his military past did not matter to his Chinese hosts, either when he applied for the UN position in China or during the course of his work in the country, which happened to coincide with the worst period in India-China relations in decades following the tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

When the China vacancy came up, Mr. Chatterjee was in Kenya in 2020, and expected to continue working in Africa, where he had previously been posted in Darfur in Sudan, Somalia and South Sudan.

"I doubted it was possible," he said, "but throughout the process, and in my stint here, my background has never been an issue. The Chinese have said to me, we see you as an international civil servant, and their attitude has been completely professional. Even after 25 years in the UN system, I found this to be exceptional."

In his second year in China, Mr. Chatterjee said he has "seen first hand" the successes of China's development experience, which he believes holds lessons for the developing world. "Growing up in a family of humble origins, I know first hand the importance of good governance," he reflected. His father was a refugee from Bangladesh who settled in Kolkata. When he was just three, he contracted polio.

"I was looking at hopelessness in the face," he said. Then came the National Defence Academy, which he credits with turning his life around.

Joining the elite 10 Para special forces, he was deployed with the IPKF in Sri Lanka in 1987. That was a second turning point that "shattered the myth of the glamour you associate with being a soldier and showed the grim reality".

Siddharth Chatterjee

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"Nobody was convinced of the mission," he said. "When the first bullet flies and you see your first death, everything changes. It showed me what we are capable of as human beings – we can make the finest tech and innovation, yet there is a flip side, a dark and malevolent side." Another stint battling insurgency in Nagaland, where he was decorated for gallantry in 1995, did not do much to change his disillusionment.

The former officer remains immensely proud of the Indian military and his unit. But at that time, he wanted a change. When the chance came in 1997 to work as a junior security officer for the UN in Sarajevo, he grabbed it. So began a UN career, starting at the system's lower levels in rank. Postings in Baghdad followed, and after playing a key role in humanitarian operations in Iraqi Kurdistan, he moved to Africa.

In South Sudan, he was involved in working to release child soldiers in 2000. In Darfur in 2004, he met his wife Ban Hyun-Hee, who is now posted with UNICEF in India and is the daughter of former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon of South Korea.

Lessons from China

In China, Mr. Chatterjee said his role is to help China achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In his two years in the country, he has marvelled at its socio-economic progress.

"China's ability to lift over 750 million people out of abject poverty in four decades is an inspiration," he said. "I've travelled to remote parts of China, and I see the transformation. As I experienced in my childhood, poverty is multi-dimensional, it's about access to services, access to water, access to education. There are many other countries which had a head start over China. If you look at the 1979 per capita GDP of China, there were countries in Africa and Asia that had a higher per capita GDPs."

He pooh-poohs the argument that China's experience cannot be replicated elsewhere because of its political system. "Using your political system is a lame excuse for not lifting your people out of poverty," he said. "Some of the measures they took were investing in health, education, liberating women to join the workforce, so much so that the labour force participation became higher than most of Europe. You had a whole generation of children that were better educated, better nourished and healthier. China reaped a demographic dividend. It all starts at the micro level, at the household level. When a child is malnourished, and misses out on essential micronutrients in the first five years of life, the child will not have the intellectual or cognitive skills to be employable".

The UN, he said, has "walked with China" since 1979 in its development journey when the reforms process began. "We at the UN need to transmit this knowledge for other economies still struggling with poverty, to leapfrog as they have done," he said. "They have shown pragmatism, and embracing ideas from outside. They have demonstrated that when political will, good public policies and the right partnerships converge, dramatic transformation happens."

If that was true in the past, China under Xi Jinping has more recently pushed back against what it sees as any external criticism. Only in August, Beijing slammed a report from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights that concluded that "serious human rights violations" were committed in Xinjiang where hundreds of thousands of Uighurs have been forcibly interned. UN agencies have faced flak for not speaking out more forcefully on human rights issues in China.

"Of course, there are difficult conversations to be had," he said, "but in any country, not just in China, these happen behind closed doors. The role of the UN is not to stand there and criticise, in China or in any other country, but to work with countries and do what we can to make things better. Human Rights is work in progress throughout the world, without exception."

With the temple will rise a new Ayodhya, U.P. government avers

The State government is developing infrastructure to make the temple town a tourism hub as the Ram temple is expected to be ready by early 2024; construction of airport, railway facilities, new roads, and hospital facilities is on at a brisk pace

Mayank Kumar
AYODHYA

With the Ram temple in Ayodhya likely to be completed by early 2024, the Uttar Pradesh government, with support from the Centre, is implementing infrastructure and development projects to convert the temple town into tourism hub of international standards.

At an election meeting in Himachal Pradesh on Friday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the temple would be the "national temple" of India.

The government has been planning to complete projects estimated at thousands of crores ahead of the temple inauguration. These include the Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram Airport; a railway station with world-class facilities; a bypass; beautification of 108 mythological ponds, including the ancient Surya Kund; and widening of Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi Path, Chaurasi Kosi Parikrama Marg, Bhakti Path and Ram Path.

Town upgrade: Runway construction in progress at the Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram Airport in Ayodhya. The first phase of the airport is expected to be completed by March 2023. SANDEEP SAXENA

Rajiv Kulshtra, engineer in-charge, Airports Authority of India, said 50% of the work on the airport runways was complete. The first phase for domestic flights will overshoot the December deadline to next March, he said. The second phase will be for international services.

The railway station is being developed on more than 10,000 square metres of land. The Railway Ministry is spending ₹200 crore on facilities such as three new platforms, parking lots, and drainage.

The beautification of the 108 ponds is likely to be completed this year.

A five-floor, 200-bed facility is under construction on the premises of Rajarshi Dashrath Medical College.

Roughly 50% of the temple work has been completed, and the Ram idol will be installed in the *sanctum sanctorum* in January 2024. "By December 2023, the *sanctum sanctorum* and the first floor will be ready," said Prakash Gupta, who is associated with the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust.

The U.P. government hopes to attract roughly 10 crore people to the town every year.

Local people say they have to bear temporary pain as roads are blocked or diverted for the projects. However, they are hopeful that within a few years, the town will reap dividends as millions will visit Ayodhya.

"After all, the temple is a national monument. Construction of the bypass, roads, ponds, etc., is causing disruption but once these projects get completed, the whole town will benefit," said Manoj Yadav, who lives at Ranopali.

Reservation for converted Dalits: bodies offer support

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Dalit Shoshan Mukti Manch, an umbrella organisation representing various bodies fighting for Dalit rights across the country, along with the All India Dalit Rights Movement and a few other Left-associated workers' unions on Saturday unanimously resolved to support the demand for extending reservation to Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims.

The resolution was introduced at the All India Convention on Growing Attacks against Dalits in New Delhi. The charter of demands agreed upon also called for the strengthening of the Prevention of Atrocities (SC/ST) Act, restoring the SC/ST Sub-plan and its implementation, and the introduction of compulsory reservation in jobs and in the private sector. However, the Left bodies specified that extending reservation should not come at the cost of reducing the share of total reservations already available to Scheduled Caste communities.

Shyam Saran Negi, Independent India's first voter, dies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Three days after casting his vote for the 34th time, Independent India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi died on Saturday at his home in Kalpa in Himachal Pradesh. He was 106.

Mr. Negi, who was the Election Commission's brand ambassador, voted in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election through postal ballot on November 2. It was the last vote for the man who was 31 when India gained Independence.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar, who visited Mr. Negi's residence, termed him "Himachal's pride" and saluted his "indomitable spirit and faith in democracy".

"Mr. Negi exercised his franchise continuously over more than 70 years and even discharged his duty through postal ballot on November 2 while leaving us," Mr. Kumar said.

"His commitment to his duty in this regard should set an example for the youth. A fitting tribute to him would be for the country to exercise their franchise wholeheartedly and strengthen the foundations of the country's democracy," he added.

Till last breath: Shyam Saran Negi voted in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election through postal ballot on November 2. REUTERS

Mr. Kumar appealed to voters in Himachal Pradesh to cast their vote in the upcoming election on November 12 as a real tribute to Mr. Negi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge were among those who paid tribute to Mr. Negi.

Speaking at a rally in Mandi district, Mr. Modi said Mr. Negi's outlook towards democracy would inspire the youth. "Just a few days ago, Negi had cast his vote through postal ballot for the Himachal Pradesh poll. Even before his demise, he discharged his duty."

Mr. Kharge said he was pained to hear the news. "The best example of his unwavering devotion towards democracy is that he cast his vote for the 34th time on November 2. My condolences to the departed soul," Mr. Kharge said.

Condoling the death, Chief Minister Mr. Thakur said on Twitter, "I am pained to learn about the passing away of Shyam Saran Negi. Adhering to his duty, he cast his vote for the 34th time on November 2 though postal ballot. This thought will always make me emotional." *(With PTI inputs)*

MOSCOW

Fire kills 13 persons at nightclub in Russian city, two suspects arrested

A fire on Saturday killed at least 13 persons in a nightclub in the Russian city of Kostroma. The police arrested two persons suspected of starting the blaze. Officials said the fire could have started after an inebriated man fired a "flare gun" on the dance floor. The initial figure of 15 casualties was later revised to 13. AP

PARIS

French far-right picks 27-year-old Bardella as successor to Le Pen

France's far-right National Rally on Saturday designated Jordan Bardella, its 27-year-old rising star, to succeed Marine Le Pen as party chief and pursue efforts to move the group toward the political mainstream. Mr. Bardella, who was expected to win as Ms. Le Pen's protege, won 85% of the votes from party members. AFP

JAKARTA

K-pop band's Indonesia concert halted after 30 faint in crush

K-pop band NCT 127 was forced to end their concert in Indonesia early after 30 people fainted in a crush. The concert near Jakarta had been going on for around two hours when fans started surging forward to get closer to the stage. Indonesia is still reeling after more than 130 people died in a stadium stampede last month. AFP

LANGKAWI

Malaysia's nearly century-old Mahathir seeks re-election

Mahathir Mohamad, the nearly 100-year-old elder statesman of Malaysian politics, filed his candidacy on Saturday in what is likely to be his final race. The 97-year-old Mahathir is a Guinness World Record holder for being the "world's oldest current Prime Minister" when he became premier for a second time in 2018. AP

Iran says it sent drones to Russia before war began

Kyiv says Moscow has ordered around 2,000 drones from Iran and some 400 of these have been used against civilians; Russian missiles continue to batter Ukrainian cities and villages

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Power point: Workers fixing machines in a power plant damaged by a Russian air attack in Kyiv Oblast on Friday. GETTY IMAGES

Iran admitted for the first time on Saturday that it has sent drones to Russia, but insisted they were supplied to its ally before the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"We supplied Russia with a limited number of drones months before the war in Ukraine," Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said, quoted by the official news agency *IRNA*. Ukraine and its Western allies have accused Russia of using Iranian-made drones in recent weeks to carry out attacks in Ukraine. Tehran has repeatedly denied these claims. Iran has repeatedly denied that it has been supplying arms to Russia for use in the Ukraine war.

"In a telephone conversation with the Ukrainian Foreign Minister last week, we agreed that if there was evidence (of Moscow's use of Iranian drones), he would provide it to us," Mr. Amir-Abdollahian said.

"If the Ukrainian side keeps its promise, we can discuss this issue in the coming days and we will take into account their evidence," he added.

The Iranian Foreign Minister again denied his country had supplied missiles to Russia, calling the accusations "completely false". *The Washington Post* reported on October 16 that Iran was preparing to ship missiles to Russia.

Kyiv has said around 400 Iranian drones have already been used against the civilian population of Ukraine, and that Moscow has ordered around 2,000.

In response to these transfers, the EU and the U.K. have imposed sanctions on three Iranian generals and an arms firm accused of supplying Russia with drones.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's state electricity operator on Saturday announced blackouts in Kyiv and seven other regions of the country in the aftermath of Russia's devastating strikes on energy infrastructure.

The move comes as Russian forces continue to pound Ukrainian cities and villages with missiles and drones, inflicting damage on power plants, water supplies and other civilian targets, in a grinding war that is nearing its nine-month mark.

Simultaneously, Russian shelling of Ukrainian regions continued into the early hours of Saturday. About 40 shells were fired overnight at the city of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk Gov. Valentyn Reznichenko said on Telegram.

(with AP inputs)

Sweden will distance itself from Kurdish groups: govt.

Reuters
STOCKHOLM

Sweden's new government will distance itself from the Kurdish YPG militia as it tries to win Turkey's approval to join NATO, Sweden's Foreign Minister told Swedish Radio on Saturday.

The Syrian Kurdish YPG militia and its political branch PYD are considered by Turkey extensions of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which launched an insurgency against Turkey in 1980 and is regarded as a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and the European Union.

"There is too close a connection between these organisations and the PKK ... for it to be good for the relationship between us and Turkey," Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom told broadcaster Swedish Radio.

"The primary objective is Sweden's membership in NATO," he said.

N. Korea launches ballistic missiles as U.S.-S. Korea Air Force exercises end

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

Military muscle: U.S. and South Korean jets flying over South Korea as part of a joint air drill on Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

North Korea fired four ballistic missiles on Saturday, the South Korean military said, the latest in Pyongyang's testing blitz this week as Washington and Seoul concluded their biggest-ever air force drills.

The flurry of North Korean launches included an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) and one that landed near the South's territorial waters. South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol said it was "effectively a territorial invasion".

The launches came as hundreds of U.S. and South Korean warplanes – including B-1B heavy bombers – participated in the 'Vigilant Storm' exercise, which Pyongyang described as "aggressive and provocative".

"The South Korean military detected four short-range ballistic missiles launched by North Korea from Tongrim, North Pyongan Province, to the West Sea at around 11:32 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. today," South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said in a statement on Saturday, using another name for the Yellow Sea.

Flight distance

Their "flight distance was detected at about 130 km, an altitude of about 20 km, and a speed of about Mach 5", they added. Mach 5 is equivalent to five times the speed of sound.

The U.S. and South Korea have warned that these launches could culminate in a nuclear test by North Korea, and extended their air force drills to Saturday in response. Vigilant Storm was originally scheduled to run from Monday to Friday. Pyongyang ramped up missile launches in response to the drills. Such exercises have long provoked strong reactions from North Korea, which sees them as rehearsals for an invasion.

Cash-strapped Pakistan set to get additional $13 billion in financial support from China, Saudi Arabia

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

PM Sharif's recent visit to Beijing helped secure $8.75 billion in aid, with President Xi promising not to let Pakistan down

Cash-strapped Pakistan has secured about $13 billion in additional financial support from its traditional allies China and Saudi Arabia, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said, as the government tries to steady the country's weak economy.

Mr. Dar said that under the new financial support, Pakistan would be getting about $9 billion from China and $4 billion from Saudi Arabia on top of assurances for about $20 billion in investments, the *Dawn* newspaper reported.

He said that during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Beijing, the Chinese leadership promised to roll over $4 billion in sovereign loans, refinance $3.3 billion commercial bank loans and increase currency swap by about$1.45 billion – from 30 billion yuan to 40 billion yuan. The total worked out to $8.75 billion.

"They promised the security of financial support," Mr. Dar, who recently took over as the new Finance Minister of Pakistan from his predecessor Miftah Ismail, said and quoted Chinese President Xi Jinping as telling Mr. Sharif, "Don't worry, we will not let you down".

The Minister said he had also suggested a part of the outstanding dues of Chinese power producers to be converted into overall debt stock and had already cleared about Rs 160 billion in recent months.

Saudi's help

Responding to another question, Mr. Dar said Saudi Arabia had also "given a positive response" to Pakistan's request for increasing its financing by another $3 billion to $6 billion and doubling its deferred oil facility of $1.2 billion.

The two heads worked out at $4.2 billion and the Finance Minister said there was no delay except a month or so of processing time, the report said.

Army rejects Imran Khan's charges against officer

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The Pakistan Army has rejected as "baseless and irresponsible" the allegations made by former premier Imran Khan that one of its senior officers was among the people involved in the conspiracy to kill him and demanded the government to conduct a probe and take legal action against those maligning the state institution.

The Army's overnight statement came in response to an address by Mr. Khan from the hospital in which he alleged that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer were part of a sinister plot to assassinate him.

In its response, the Army in a statement said: "No one will be allowed to defame the institution or its soldiers with impunity. Keeping this in view, the government of Pakistan has been requested to investigate the matter and initiate legal action against those responsible for defamation against the institution without any evidence.

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China to persist with 'zero-COVID' policy

Associated Press
BEIJING

Chinese health officials gave no indication on Saturday of any relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, following several days of speculation that the government was considering changes to a "zero-COVID" approach that has stymied economic growth and disrupted daily life.

The officials said at a news conference that they would "unswervingly" stick to the policy, which seeks to stop cases from coming into the country and snuff out outbreaks as they are uncovered.

The announcement doesn't preclude the possibility that discussions are taking place behind closed doors. But there has been no official confirmation of talks, and analysts believe any change will be gradual with major easing unlikely until sometime next year.

Iran tests Ghaem 100, multi-stage rocket that can carry satellites

Reuters
DUBAI

Iran's Revolutionary Guards tested a new satellite-carrying rocket on Saturday, state media reported, a development likely to anger the United States.

Washington fears the same long-range ballistic technology used to put satellites into orbit could also be used to launch nuclear warheads. Tehran has regularly denied having any such intention.

The Ghaem 100, Iran's first three-stage launch vehicle, will be able to place satellites weighing 80 kg in an orbit of 500 km from the earth's surface, *IRNA* said.

A third of world heritage glaciers under threat, warns UNESCO

Press Trust of India

A third of the glaciers on the UNESCO World Heritage list are under threat, regardless of efforts to limit temperature increases, a study conducted by the UN body has found.

However, the study said it was still possible to save the other two-thirds if the rise in global temperature did not exceed 1.5°C compared to the pre-industrial era. The UNESCO said that this would be a major challenge for the delegates at the upcoming COP27.

The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference will be held from November 6-18 this year in Egypt.

"COP27 will have a crucial role to help find solutions to this issue. UNESCO is determined to support states in pursuing this goal," UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay said.

In addition to drastically reduced carbon emissions, the UNESCO is advocating for the creation of a new international fund for glacier monitoring and preservation.

Such a fund would support comprehensive research, promote exchange networks between all stakeholders and implement early warning and disaster risk reduction measures, the study said.

Half of humanity depends directly or indirectly on glaciers as their water source for domestic use, agriculture, and power. Glaciers are also pillars of biodiversity, feeding many ecosystems, it said.

"When glaciers melt rapidly, millions of people face water scarcity and the increased risk of natural disasters such as flooding, and millions more may be displaced by the resulting rise in sea levels," IUCN Director General Dr. Bruno Oberle said.

"This study highlights the urgent need to cut greenhouse gas emissions and invest in nature-based solutions, which can help mitigate climate change," he added.

As many as 50 UNESCO World Heritage sites are home to glaciers, representing almost 10% of the Earth's total glacierised area.

The UNESCO study, in partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), showed that these glaciers have been retreating at an accelerated rate since 2000 due to CO2 emissions, which are warming temperatures.

They are currently losing 58 billion tonne of ice every year – equivalent to the combined annual water use of France and Spain – and are responsible for nearly 5% of observed global sea level rise.

Over 64,000 people in India die of snakebites each year

A vast majority of snakebite deaths globally — up to 64,100 of the 78,600 deaths — occur in India with Uttar Pradesh reporting the highest number of deaths followed by Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

Soumyadeep Bhaumik

That snakebite (a neglected tropical disease) is a public health problem in India and many other low- and middle-income countries has been long known. But a global estimate of deaths due to snakebite was not known till recently.

A study that our group, along with researchers from 21 other countries, published in *Nature Communications* recently estimated that a vast majority of snakebite deaths globally – up to 64,100 of the 78,600 deaths – occur in India. The study also suggests that the global target of halving the number of deaths and injuries from snakebite by 2030 is unlikely to be met.

India has a huge snakebite toll

India accounts for almost 80% of the global snakebite deaths

- The global target is to halve the number of deaths and injuries from snakebite by 2030
- At 4.50 per 1,00,000, only Somalia has a higher age-standardised death rate than India
- Within India, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan have higher age-standardised death rates at 6.5, 6.0, and 5.8 per 1,00,000, respectively
- Despite such high number of deaths each year, there is no national strategy to address the burden of snakebite in India
- Focus should be on comprehensive strengthening of primary healthcare systems concentrating on both access and quality of care across all health systems blocks
- As snakebite affects the rural poor, a national strategy for snakebite brings in an equity focus

Staggering: The age-standardised death rate in India is 4.0 per 1,00,000, which is among the highest globally.

80% of global deaths

The study used data from verbal autopsy and vital statistics (civil registration) to estimate snakebite deaths from the Global Burden of Disease 2019 study. The global estimate of deaths due to snakebite comes 14 years after the previous one in 2008 and provides a more robust estimate. Before the current study, it was known that India is responsible for up to half of the global deaths due to snakebite. But the current study shows snakebite deaths in India are much higher at almost 80% of the global deaths.

Within India, Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of deaths, estimated to be up to 16,100, followed by Madhya Pradesh (up to 5,790 deaths), and Rajasthan (up to 5,230 deaths).

The study estimated that the age-standardised death rate (which accounts for different age-structures in different countries, thus allowing comparison between countries) in India, at 4.0 per 1,00,000, is also among the highest globally, and many times over than the global figure of 0.8 deaths per 1,00,000.

Only Somalia has a higher age-standardised death rate than India at 4.5 per 1,00,000. This indicates a failing health system in India and Somalia leading to high deaths in those who are bitten by venomous snakes. Within India, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan have even higher age-standardised death rates, at 6.5, 6.0, and 5.8 per 1,00,000, respectively.

Despite such high number of deaths each year, there is no national strategy to address the burden of snakebite in India. Recently, there is some recognition of snakebite as a public health problem with the Indian Council of Medical Research launching a national survey to estimate the burden. While this will help know the burden better, the absence of a specific national strategy to address snakebite implies there is no programme by the government to either prevent snakebite or in preventing deaths or disability in those who are bitten by venomous snakebite.

With such a high number of deaths due to snakebites, there is a need for a strategy focusing on snakebite prevention and strengthening of health system. Preventing snakebite needs more than simple awareness programmes. This is so because snakebite at its core is due to snake-human-environment conflict tied to many socio-cultural-religious aspects. As such, understanding the conflict and code signing community-based programmes for prevention of snakebites which are tested through community randomised cluster trials are required. To bring down deaths, strengthening of primary healthcare in India is also required.

Focus on healthcare

Traditionally, there has been a lot of focus on snake antivenom availability. An analysis of system capacity for snakebite care revealed that there is a need for comprehensive strengthening of primary healthcare systems focusing on both access and quality of care across all health systems blocks, instead of a sole focus on snake antivenom availability; we presented the results this month in the 21st World Congress of the International Society on Toxinology. Improving primary health care is important for snakebite because it is an acute medical emergency - the care needs to be closest to people bitten by snakes.

With snakebite deaths globally being predominantly in India, the global target to halve snakebite deaths by 2030, cannot be attained without action in India. With the new global estimates available, it might be expected that global health funders and philanthropists would invest for research and programmes on snakebite in India, such that the global target can be made.

Having a national strategy to address snakebite would mean that investments are towards the need of the country in health system strengthening and community-based programmes, instead of costly drugs and diagnostics whose intellectual property is held outside India or leading to vertical programmes instead of integrated strengthening. Because snakebite affects the rural poor, a national strategy for snakebite brings in an equity focus which will bring cross benefits for other neglected tropical diseases, which happen in the same communities.

(Soumyadeep Bhaumik is an international public health specialist working in The George Institute for Global Health, India)

Vaccine trial soon amid fear of Ebola virus spread

R. Prasad

The Ebola virus outbreak that began in Uganda on September 20 after one case was confirmed in Mubende district the previous day has spread to at least 130 people (lab confirmed) and caused 43 deaths as on November 2. The increase in fatalities has in turn increased the case fatality rate among lab-confirmed cases to 33% (43/130); the case fatality rate was 26.5% (34/128) as on October 29.

zIt is not the increase in case fatality rate alone that is causing concern – the deadly virus has now reached the capital city Kampala; the virus was restricted to the rural areas of Uganda since the outbreak began in September.

Difficulty in tracing

Compared with rural regions, the presence of the virus in the Kampala city increases the risk of the virus easily spreading to a large number of people and the increased difficulty of tracing all contacts. Thus, there is an enhanced possibility of the outbreak becoming bigger, particularly as the virus has already spread to school children – six school children from three schools tested positive for the virus and one child died as on October 28. Also, there is a risk of the virus spreading across borders, as the virus is now present in the capital city.

Unlike the large Ebola outbreak of 2014-2016 caused by the Zaire strain that started in Guinea and spread to two other Western African countries – Sierra Leone and Liberia – by July 2014, the outbreak in Uganda is caused by rarer Sudan strain. Uganda is facing a Sudan Ebola virus outbreak after a decade.

The Ebola outbreak of 2014-2016 which spread to over 28,000 people and killed 11,000 people allowed the testing of Merck's vaccine through a ring vaccination strategy.

Currently there are no vaccines available for the Sudan strain of the Ebola virus. The silver lining is that Merck has developed a vaccine specifically against the Sudan strain in 2015 and 2016 after the success with the vaccine against the Zaire strain.

Imminent: The clinical trial against the Sudan strain of Ebola virus may begin in mid-November. GETTY IMAGES

Testing on monkeys

However, since there was no outbreak of Ebola caused by the Sudan strain till September this year, the large stock of vaccines against the Sudan strain now spreading in Uganda was never tested on people. But the virus was tested on monkeys and was found to be effective in protecting against the virus. Jon Cohen of *Science* recently reported that Merck had, in 2021, destroyed the candidate vaccine that it had in vials as the vaccines had expired. However, the vaccine stored in bulk was found to be viable despite more than six years after they were produced.

Besides Merck's vaccine for the Sudan strain, two other vaccines by Sabin Vaccine Institute and the University of Oxford are in the process of being produced for clinical testing. While the Merck's vaccine uses the VSV (vesicular stomatitis virus) platform, both Sabin Vaccine Institute and University of Oxford use the chimpanzee adenoviruses to carry the virus protein into humans, much like the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

Clinical trials using the ring vaccination strategy of administering the vaccine among the contacts might begin by mid-November. On October 26, Uganda Media Centre (the country's official centre for public communications) tweeted that all three candidate vaccines would be evaluated.

Health Minister Jane Ruth Aceng Ocero said the initial plan is to test the vaccine on 3,000 contacts of 150 lab-confirmed cases within 29 days of contact. "The trial preparation has been concluded and we estimate that we may begin the trial in two weeks' time," she said on October 26 in a tweet.

SNAPSHOTS

Roll-out of inhaled vaccines to stop disease and transmission

Some residents of Shanghai, China, are inhaling their COVID-19 boosters. The vaccine, produced by biotechnology firm CanSino Biologics, is a mist that is sucked through the mouthpiece of a sealed cup – in what might be the first roll-out of a needle-free COVID-19 vaccine. Inhaled vaccines prime immune cells in the mucous membranes that live in the nose and mouth, where SARS-CoV-2 enters the body, will quickly stop the virus from spreading, preventing even mild cases and blocking transmission.

Observatory on Everest takes a hit as funding gets cut short

The world's longest-running high-altitude research facility, sitting at 5,050 metre above sea level near the Mount Everest base camp in Nepal, is falling apart. Funding for the facility was cut short in 2014, and maintenance for existing lab equipment is now in the hands of its only lab manager. Researchers say even the limited data the observatory still collects are important for studying the effects of climate change in the region, and some hope that it could get a new influx of funds.

Skeleton of early reptile from 167 million years ago found

A study in *Nature* finds a near-complete skeleton of an early reptile from the Middle Jurassic period of Scotland. The fossil may improve our understanding of the anatomical transformations that led to the establishment of the body plan of reptiles such as modern lizards. The skeleton is of Bellairsia gracilis, a primitive squamate. Squamates are a group of reptiles that includes more than 10,000 living species descended from a shared common ancestor that lived 240 MYA.

Question Corner

Puffer fish

Why do puffer fish spawn on beaches under moonlight?

A group of animal biologists and chemists at the Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM) at Nagoya University in central Japan, in collaboration with other institutes, have identified the pheromone involved in the mechanism that triggers puffer fish to spawn on beaches using moonlight (*Current Biology*).

Along coastlines around the world, at the time of the spring tide, thousands of puffer fish gather at the water's edge and perform a writhing motion as they spawn. The researchers identified 125 genes involved in their spawning behaviour, including genes crucial for reproduction. During the spring tide, the researchers noticed receptors for a particular pheromone, PGE2. When they applied PGE2 to a tank of puffer fish, both males and females demonstrated writhing behaviour when spawning. The researchers concluded that the spawning puffers release PGE2 into the seawater, triggering the synchronised beach-spawning behaviour.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

What is the status of remote voting for NRIs?

Is the government keen to facilitate proxy or e-postal voting for overseas electors? How can this be done?

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

On the assurance of the Attorney General that the Centre was looking at ways to facilitate distance voting for non-resident Indians (NRIs), mainly migrant labourers, the Supreme Court on November 1 disposed of a batch of petitions seeking remote voting for NRIs. The Bench led by Chief Justice U. U. Lalit said that the purpose of the petitions had been served as the government was aware and had introduced a Bill to facilitate proxy voting by overseas electors. The Bill, however, lapsed and a pilot project for postal voting is yet to see the light of day.

What is the size of the NRI electorate?

According to estimates, India has the largest diaspora population, with nearly 1.35 crore non-resident Indians spread across the globe. Many of them are in the Gulf countries, the U.S. and the U.K. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, 99,844 NRIs registered and 25,606 electors turned up to vote, with a majority hailing from Kerala (25,534). In the 2014 Parliamentary elections, 11,846 NRIs registered and only a fraction turned up to vote. Of the registered overseas electors, 90% belonged to Kerala. Others registered are from Gujarat, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu among other States.

All political parties consulted by the ECI except the BJP were against proxy voting as they felt it could never be guaranteed that the proxy would vote as per the actual voter's choice

A major reason for low NRI registration and voting despite India amending the Representation of the People Act in 2010 to enable eligible NRIs who had stayed abroad beyond six months to vote is the condition that they have to visit the polling booth in person. While some observers ask why those who migrated abroad should be given special privileges in voting, the petitioners argue that NRIs should not be deprived of the franchise because they exercised their right to freely practise a profession or trade. Another question raised is whether expatriates who have been living abroad for a long period of time, say upwards of two years, should be given voting rights. Other democracies allow absentee voting if overseas electors are not abroad for a specified period and/or if they mention an "intent to return".

What has the government done so far?

Since the in-person proviso of the amended Act discouraged many, petitions were filed in the Supreme Court between 2013 and 2014 by NRIs. The Election Commission of India (ECI) formed a Committee in 2014 on the Court's direction to explore the options for overseas electors. The committee narrowed it down to two remote voting options – e-postal ballot and proxy voting.

The Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) involves the NRI voter sending an application to the returning officer in person or online. The returning officer will send the ballot electronically. The voter can then register their mandate on the ballot printout and send it back with an attested declaration. The voter will either send the ballot by ordinary post or drop it at an Indian Embassy where it would be segregated and posted. Proxy voting, meanwhile, enables voters to appoint proxies to vote on their behalf.

Both ETPBS and proxy voting are currently available to only service voters, like those in the armed forces or diplomatic missions. In its report, the ECI said proxy voting would be a "convenient" and "doable" method.

All political parties consulted by the ECI except the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were against proxy voting as they felt it could never be guaranteed that the proxy would vote as per the actual voter's choice. In 2017, however, the government introduced a Bill to amend the Representation of People Act to remove the condition of in-person voting for NRIs and enable them to vote through proxies. The Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha in 2018 but never introduced in the Upper House, eventually lapsing with the 16th Lok Sabha.

In 2020, the ECI wrote to the Law Ministry that it was "technically and administratively ready" to facilitate ETPBS for NRIs in the 2021 Assembly elections in five States but the External Affairs Ministry flagged "huge logistical challenges" relating to identity verification of voters, absence of polling agents, the burden on embassy staff etc.

What next?

Besides the government's assurance in Court, the Law Ministry in March said that the Centre was exploring the possibility of allowing online voting for NRIs. The Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra said in April that ETPBS for NRIs was being contemplated.

It is yet to be seen, however, if any of the remote voting options materialise before the 2024 elections.

How is India planning to end child marriage?

What are the interventions being carried out by the state? Are they helping? What more needs to be done socially, culturally, politically and economically, for the welfare of the girl child? Which are the best and worst performing States and why?

Sudipta Datta

The story so far:

The steering committee of a global programme to end child marriage is on a visit to India to witness state interventions which have helped reduce the prevalence of child marriage. The visit by the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage team is in view of an estimated increase in number of child brides due to the pandemic. The UNFPA-UNICEF estimates that 10 million children could become child brides as a result of the pandemic globally. In India, child marriage reduced from 47.4% in 2005-06 to 26.8% in 2015-16, registering a decline of 21% points during the decade. In the last five years, it declined by 3.5% points to reach 23.3% in 2020-21, according to the latest National Family Health Survey-5 data.

What is the situation in the world?

According to data from UNICEF, the total number of girls married in childhood stands at 12 million per year, and progress must be significantly accelerated in order to end the practice by 2030 – the target set out in the Sustainable Development Goals. Without further acceleration, more than 150 million additional girls will marry before they turn 18 by 2030. While it is encouraging that in the past decade great progress has been made in South Asia, where a girl's risk of marrying before she is 18 has dropped by more than a third, from nearly 50% to below 30%, it is not enough, and progress has been uneven. Rights activists and health experts say the consequences of child marriage are dire, not only because it violates children's rights, but also because it results in more infant and maternal deaths. Children born to adolescent mothers have a greater possibility of seeing stunted growth as they have low weight at birth. According to NFHS-5, prevalence of child stunting is 35.5% in 2019-21.

Ensuring the completion of secondary education of girls is essential to stop the practice of child marriage, say rights activists

Awareness drive: Women at a 'child marriage-free India' campaign. AFP

Where does India stand?

There is a growing trend for decline in the overall prevalence of child marriage, but 23.3% is still a disturbingly high percentage in a country with a population of 141.2 crore. Eight States have a higher prevalence of child marriage than the national average – West Bengal, Bihar and Tripura top the list with more than 40% of women aged 20-24 years married below 18, according to NFHS data. Rights workers and welfare officials say a lot more needs to be done on factors closely linked to child marriage, including eradication of poverty, better education and public infrastructure facilities for children, raising social awareness on health, nutrition, regressive social norms and inequalities. They stress on an all-pronged approach to end the practice; strong laws, strict enforcement, preparing an ideal situation on the ground to ensure that the girl child – girls with either or below primary level education have experienced higher levels of child marriage as data show – gets an education and preferably vocational training as well so that she can be financially independent.

How are the States placed?

Data shows that child marriage is a key determinant of high fertility, poor maternal and child health, and lower social status of women. Among the bigger States, West Bengal and Bihar have the highest prevalence of girl child marriage. States with a large population of tribal poor have a higher prevalence of child marriage. In Jharkhand, 32.2% of women in the age bracket 20-24 got married before 18, according to NFHS-5; infant mortality stood at 37.9%, and 65.8% of women in the 15-19 age bracket are anaemic. Assam too has a high prevalence of child marriage (31.8% in 2019-20 from 30.8% in 2015-16). Some States have shown a reduction in child marriages, like Madhya Pradesh (23.1% in 2020-21 from 32.4% in 2015-16), Rajasthan (25.4% from 35.4%) and Haryana. Several States are pegged just below the national average: In Odisha, 20.5% of women were married off before 18 in 2020-21 from 21.3% in 2015-16. States with high literacy levels and better health and social indices have fared much better on this score. In Kerala, women who got married before the age of 18 stood at 6.3% in 2019-20, from 7.6% in 2015-16. Tamil Nadu too has shown improved figures with 12.8% of women in the age group 20-24 years getting married before 18 compared to 16.3% in 2015-16.

What are the laws and policy interventions?

There are several laws including the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, which aim at protecting children from violation of human and other rights. A parliamentary standing committee is weighing the pros and cons of raising the age of marriage for women to 21, which has been cleared by the Union Cabinet. With various personal laws governing marriages in India, the government wants to amend the law, a reform that activists and agencies have said will not be enough to stop the practice of child marriage. Besides centralised schemes like the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, which need better implementation on the ground, States have launched many initiatives to improve the factors linked to child marriage, from education to health care and awareness programmes. For instance, West Bengal's Kanyashree scheme offers financial aid to girls wanting to pursue higher studies, though women's activists have pointed out that another scheme Rupashree, which provides a one-time payment of ₹25,000 to poor families at the time of a daughter's marriage, may be counter-productive. Bihar and other States have been implementing a cycle scheme to ensure girls reach safely to school; and U.P. has a scheme to encourage girls to go back to school.

What needs to be done?

According to Sandeep Chachra, executive director, ActionAid Association India, which has been working with UNICEF and UNFPA in over 60 high prevalence districts and the governments of Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Rajasthan, the solution lies in empowering girls, creating proper public infrastructure and addressing societal norms. "It's a long process, but we are getting down to the gram panchayat level, ensuring that Child Protection Committees and Child Marriage Prohibition officers are doing the job and activating community support groups. Such efforts can lead to Child Marriage Free Villages like in Odisha which now has over 12,000 such villages." A series of such interventions – and recommendations of the Shivraj Patil Committee report in 2011 – have helped bring down the percentage of child marriages in Karnataka (from 42% in 2005-06 to 21.3% in 2019-20). Uma Mahadevan-Dasgupta, who serves in the IAS, says several thousand child marriage prohibition officers have been notified in Karnataka and 90,000 local gram panchayat members have been oriented to spread awareness on child marriage, not only that it is illegal to get a child married off before 18, but also the dangers to the child's health and her offspring. There has been a rise in child marriages during the pandemic, but many have been prevented as well.

Will U.S. mid-term elections be a game changer?

At the half-way mark between presidential elections, who has the edge between Democrats and Republicans? What will its impact be on the House of Representatives and the Senate? Inflation and high cost of living apart, what are some of the key issues?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

The United States' mid-term elections which are scheduled for November 8, could potentially reshape the landscape of national politics in the country, especially if they result in control of the House of Representatives shifting from Democrat to Republican.

Will elections be held for both the House of Representatives and Senate?

The election will see each of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 – slightly more than one-third – of the 100 seats in the Senate come up for grabs. A range of local elections will be on the cards too, including 39 state, gubernatorial and similar contests.

A key factor to keep in mind while analysing the results – expected within a day of the vote – is that a major redistricting exercise was conducted in the aftermath of the 2020 census, that resulted in the boundaries of voting districts being redrawn by state authorities, notwithstanding gerrymandering allegations that came up, in certain cases, implying a deliberate attempt to dilute majorities in certain districts that do not favour the party in power.

Polls suggest that economic anxieties faced by the ordinary American far outstrip traditional concerns

Universal mandate: Voting signs for mid-term elections in the U.S. REUTERS

What is the backdrop to the elections?

The mid-term elections pose high stakes for Democrats who have so far enjoyed overwhelming control of Congress and the White House – projections suggest there is a risk that they might lose their majority in the House. A relevant fact in this context is that the House flipped to the party not controlling the White House after the mid-term elections under each of the three past Presidents – Donald Trump, Barack Obama, and George W. Bush. Most pollsters concur that mid-term elections generally serve as a referendum on a sitting President. However, the edge that the Republican Party held in numerous races has been somewhat blunted by the Supreme Court ruling against the constitutional right to abortion as enshrined in *Roe vs Wade* with the expectation that the ruling could mobilise Democratic voters across U.S. states, leading to much higher turnouts on Election Day. It is unclear which way the Senate, whose partisan balance is poised on a razor's edge – 50 seats held by each of the two major parties and their allies – will lean after the election. Besides redistricting, a second important factor with a likely impact on the election result, is how voters will view the Congressional inquiry into the January 6 riots and assault on the Capitol buildings by alleged supporters of Mr. Trump, and the seizure of classified documents from his mansion in Mar-a-Lago, Florida. Whichever side of the fence they stand on, voters' opinions on these developments will also signal the extent to which the phenomenon of "Trumpism" still evokes support amongst Americans.

What will the economic policy outlook be after the mid-terms?

Regardless of which party makes electoral gains on November 8, it will not change the fact that along with the rest of the world the U.S. is facing a difficult time economically, with the lingering after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic still dampening business activity, and global supply chain disruptions caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine roiling the prospects of U.S. industry and igniting inflationary trends in the economy.

In fact, polls suggest that economic anxieties faced by the ordinary American far outstrip traditional concerns regarding crime, immigration, climate change, and even reproductive rights. This is partly reflected in the fact that although unemployment has dropped sharply in recent months, the economy is besieged by spiking inflation that has pushed up the cost of household staples such as food and energy dramatically.

Mr. Biden has for the most part polled poorly across the nation for his performance in office in recent months. Now, he will not only have to battle these complex policy challenges on the front foot, but it is likely that the mid-term election results may exacerbate gridlock in Washington if the House goes to the Republican Party. In this scenario the White House might be compelled to compromise further on its agenda and cut deals with the opposition that could dilute its original policy vision for the economy.

Which other policy issues will turn on the mid-term result?

Among the other key issues that will impact voter choices and could, subsequently, be manifested in policy changes, are the U.S.'s policy stance towards Ukraine, the criminal justice system, the quality of U.S. democracy and continuing partisan conflict.

On Ukraine, while the U.S. under Mr. Biden has stood resolutely with allies in Europe and elsewhere to help Kyiv push back against Russian territorial aggression, there are some Republicans, such as Kevin McCarthy, who are against the U.S. Congress writing "a blank check to Ukraine".

Regarding judicial appointments, Mr. Biden has already succeeded in nominating at least 75 judges, far more than Mr. Trump or Mr. Obama had by this stage in their presidential terms – but this progress for Democrats may grind to a halt if the House goes to the Republicans, who could then block all White House nominations until "moderate" candidates are proposed.

Finally, if Republicans seize the House, it might not only bring to the fore numerous Trump-endorsed candidates who deny the validity of the 2020 presidential election result but it would also open the floodgates to an incessant barrage of investigations into the conduct of the Biden White House by the lower chamber.

This could well result in a heightened sense of acrimony in Congress, fuelling the malaise of policy logjams.

PROFILES

The comeback 'king'

Benjamin Netanyahu

With solid support from Israel's right-wing and orthodox sections and little regard for the critics of their policies, the Likud leader, whose coalition has won a majority in the legislative elections, is to continue to dominate the country's politics and external policy

Stanly Johny

In his long political career that started in the early 1990s, Benjamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu was written off several times. And every time, he made a stronger comeback. In 1996, he became Israel's youngest Prime Minister, and the first to be born in the state of Israel. After losing the 1999 election heavily to Labour's Ehud Barak, Mr. Netanyahu would go for a brief retirement, but would return to power in 2009. His hold over Israeli politics would be challenged again in 2019 after the fall of his government. In back-to-back elections, Mr. Netanyahu failed to form a stable coalition and three corruption cases cast shadows over his career. In 2021, his rivals from across Israel's political spectrum joined hands to form a coalition with the main goal of keeping Bibi out of power.

But after 17 months in opposition, Mr. Netanyahu made another stunning comeback this week, with his right-religious coalition securing a comfortable majority in the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament. The era of Mr. Netanyahu, 'King Bibi' for his loyal supporters, is a present continuous one.

Born in 1949 in Tel Aviv, a year after the state of Israel was formed, he grew up in Israel and the U.S. He enlisted in the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) in 1967, the year of the June War in which Israel captured East Jerusalem and the West Bank from Jordan, Gaza Strip and Sinai from Egypt and Golan Heights from Syria – all in six days. Mr. Netanyahu would become a combat soldier and a team leader at an elite special forces unit of the IDF, Sayeret Matkal, "a unit that changed the reality of our lives," as he later recalled. When Sayeret Matkal was deployed in 1976 to Entebbe, Uganda, to rescue hostages held at the city's Airport, Mr. Netanyahu's older brother Yonatan was the commander of the unit. The mission was successful as most of the hostages were rescued, but Yonatan was killed in action – the IDF's only fatality. The loss of his brother, according to Mr. Netanyahu, has shaped his views on "terrorism", which he called a form of totalitarianism.

Arguably the most influential politician in Israel today, Mr. Netanyahu rose to power in 1996 when Israel was undergoing major changes. Three years earlier, Israel, led by Labour Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) had signed the Oslo Accord. The PLO recognised the state of Israel and the latter agreed to the formation of a provisional government (Palestinian Authority or PA) in the occupied territories. After the tumultuous period of the first *Intifada* (the Palestinian uprising) that began in 1987, there was a strong constituency in Israel for peace. But this period also saw the growing strength of the political Right and the threat of Jewish extremism. On November 4, 1995, Prime Minister Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish extremist. Rabin's successor Shimon Peres called for early elections, which he thought would strengthen his hands to go ahead with the peace plan. But in the election, the first direct election to choose the Prime Minister, Mr. Netanyahu, a hardline critic of the Oslo process, emerged victorious.

In power, Mr. Netanyahu made some minor concessions, but walked back on several promises his immediate predecessors had made. When the Palestinian Authority was formed, both sides agreed that it would be the first step of an ambitious peace plan. The real goal was to find a permanent solution to the Palestine question through the two-state proposal. But the PA, with limited powers in parts of the occupied lands, became a permanent mechanism as the Oslo process unravelled under Mr. Netanyahu's leadership. His version was that the peace process made Palestinian militancy stronger. Hamas, the Islamist movement that had also opposed the Oslo Accords, had carried out several suicide attacks during this period. Mr. Netanyahu held the PA responsible for increased violence.

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The Three Nos

Mr. Netanyahu has been consistently opposed to making any major concessions to the Palestinians. For him, "undivided Jerusalem" is Israel's "eternal capital". He is staunchly against the return of the Palestinian refugees (who were forced to flee their homes in 1948 when the state of Israel was formed) as part of any settlement. "Any demand for resettling Palestinian refugees within Israel undermines Israel's continued existence as the state of the Jewish people," he once said. He resolutely opposed Ariel Sharon's decision to unilaterally pull back Israeli troops and settlers from Gaza in 2005. "The unilateral evacuation brought neither peace nor security," said Mr. Netanyahu. He has also consistently supported Jewish settlements in Palestinian territories, which for him is the "natural growth" of the population.

In September 1967, a few months after the June war, Arab countries passed the 'Three Nos' resolution in the Khartoum summit – "No peace with Israel, No negotiations with Israel and No recognition of Israel". In an indirect reference to the Khartoum resolution, Mr. Netanyahu, as Prime Minister, emphasised a policy of "Three Nos – "No withdrawal from the Golan Heights, No discussion of the status of Jerusalem and No negotiations under any preconditions."

Arab countries have gone back on the Khartoum Nos. In 1994, a year after the first Oslo Accord was signed, Jordan reached a peace treaty with Israel. In 2020, four more Arab countries – the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco – normalised ties with Israel. But Mr. Netanyahu has not compromised on any of his Nos. On the other side, he tightened Israel's occupation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and enforced a crippling blockade on the Gaza Strip, which saw repeated, disproportionate Israeli bombardments in retaliation for rocket attacks by Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

When Israel's polity has clearly shifted rightwards, Mr. Netanyahu, by stitching together alliances with Jewish Orthodox and ultranationalist parties, has reaped political dividends. Israel's longest serving Prime Minister is set to begin yet another term. This time, his key ally is Itamar Ben-Gvir, leader of Religious Zionism, who wants to dismantle the Palestinian Authority and "deport" "disloyal" Arab citizens.

Foreign policy

Mr. Netanyahu is also known for his hawkish position towards Iran, Israel's main rival in West Asia. He risked a complete breakdown in ties with the White House when he took his opposition to the Barack Obama-supported Iran nuclear deal to the U.S. Congress in 2015. Under his leadership, Israel also emerged as the key security player in West Asia, targeting Iran and in partnership with Arab countries, a relationship which is likely to thrive in a fast-changing region. He also chose to strengthen Israel's ties with other major powers, including Vladimir Putin's Russia and Narendra Modi's India. As Prime Minister, he visited India twice, and hosted Mr. Modi, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel.

But after spending 15 years in power and playing a critical role in shaping Israel's domestic politics and foreign policy, Mr. Netanyahu hasn't resolved any of his country's security problems. Whatever he inherited – whether it's Hamas, Hezbollah or Iran – are still plaguing the Jewish state. Israel continues to live in a volatile regional security environment. Domestically, the rise of the far-right, most of them Netanyahu allies, has challenged the social stability of the country, where Arab citizens make up some 20% of the population. But Mr. Netanyahu doesn't seem to be perturbed. He thrives in crisis. His response to security challenges is to double down the military option and his response to the surge of the far-right is to embrace them – crisis at home, crisis abroad, Bibi remains the king. His legacy is perhaps defined by this permanence of crisis, unless he seeks to break the pattern in his new term.

THE GIST

- Netanyahu rose to power in 1996 when Israel was undergoing major changes — the Prime Minister who signed the Oslo Accords was assassinated a year ago
- Netanyahu has consistently opposed making any major concessions to the Palestinians on critical issues such as the status of Jerusalem and the return of Palestinian refugees
- By forming alliances with rightwing parties and taking up hardline position on security matters, he remains one of the most influential figures in Israeli politics

The new Social Democrat

Mette Frederiksen

The Danish PM, who sought to marry traditional welfarist policies with anti-immigrant rhetoric, has won a narrow election victory

G. Sampath

A centre-left coalition led by the incumbent Prime Minister, Mette Frederiksen, 44, has won the general elections in Denmark by the narrowest of margins: one seat. Ms. Frederiksen's Social Democrat party and its allies won 87 seats in mainland Denmark, and three out of the four seats from Greenland and Faroe Islands, to reach the 90 mark in the 179-member Parliament.

Since her coalition won, Ms. Frederiksen could have continued in government, with the same Cabinet as before. But during the campaign, she had promised to forge a broadly centrist coalition that would bring together both the left and the right. So she resigned on November 2 to form a new unity government.

Born to a typographer father and a mother who worked as a teacher, Ms. Frederiksen got into politics quite early, working with trade unions. She became a Member of Parliament in 2001 at the age of 24, and swiftly rose through the ranks of the Social Democrat party, serving as Minister of Employment from 2011 to 2014 and as Minister of Justice from 2014 until she became the party leader and led the Social Democrats to first place in the 2015 elections. It was after the 2019 elections that Ms. Frederiksen became Denmark's youngest Prime Minister, heading a minority government supported by a 'red' bloc of the Social Liberal Party, the Red Green alliance, and the Green Left.

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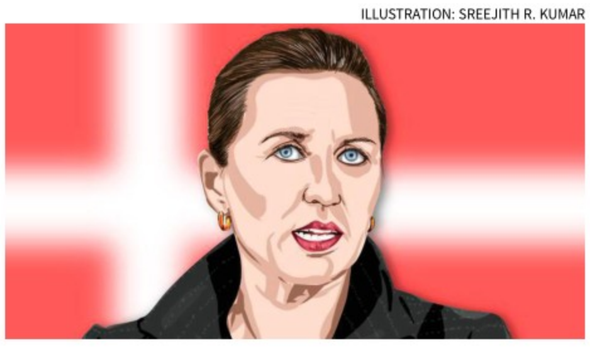

Danes were largely happy with Ms. Frederiksen's management of the pandemic and the lockdown, and she would likely have served out her full term if it weren't for the minks. In November 2020, Ms. Frederiksen ordered the mass culling of Denmark's entire population of 17 million minks after some animals were found infected by the coronavirus. She took the decision amid fears that the viruses found in the minks could mutate into strains that would render the vaccines – then under development – ineffective. The cull annihilated Denmark's $750-million mink industry – the largest in the world. Subsequently, it emerged that Ms. Frederiksen did not have the legal cover to take such a decision, sparking nationwide outrage. Although she was cleared of charges that she deliberately misled the public and avoided an impeachment trial, one of the parties that supported her minority government, the Social Liberals, threatened to bring a no-confidence motion unless she called for an early election. She did so on October 5.

Bucking the trend

Interestingly, while the Social Liberals fared poorly, losing nine seats, not only did Ms. Frederiksen lead the Social Democrats to their best result in two decades, she also bucked the European trend of social democratic parties going into terminal decline by ceding ground to the extremists in either wing.

It would, however, be a mistake to read this election as an indication that Denmark has somehow escaped the wave of rightwing populism sweeping across Europe. In fact, Ms. Frederiksen's Social Democrats are no different from, say, Germany's Alternative for Germany (AfD) in its stance on immigrants. Her singular political innovation is to marry traditional Social Democratic welfarism – state spending on healthcare, education, pensions, unemployment benefits – with systematic pandering to anti-immigrant sentiment. With this approach, she neutralised the appeal of far-right parties such as the Danish People's Party and the Denmark Democrats.

In the U.K., for instance, it is a rightwing Tory such as Priti Patel or Suella Braverman who bats for the Rwanda Plan. In Denmark, however, it is the Social Democrats under Ms. Frederiksen who are pursuing a plan to pack off asylum seekers to Rwanda. While many have bemoaned this departure from authentic Social Democrat values of equality and pluralism, Ms. Frederiken considers anti-immigrant sentiment to be a baseline of political engagement. She has urged Social Democratic parties all over Europe to accept this reality, and believes that it is only by shifting right on immigration politics while staying left on economic issues that they can regain the ground lost to rightwing and leftwing populists.

Climate networking

COP-27

Egypt's Sharm El-Sheikh will host over 45,000 registered participants, including government leaders, to discuss ways to curtail carbon emissions

Jacob Koshy

From Monday, the sea-side, port city of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, will host over 45,000 registered participants as part of the 27th edition of the UN-Conference of Parties (UN-COP). The participants include representatives of the 195 member-countries of the UN-COP, business persons, scientists, and members of indigenous and local communities and activists.

The UN-COPs, over the decades, have burgeoned into a colossal networking event where, under the umbrella of a simmering climate crisis, various interest-groups come away after protracted negotiations with little more than a promise to meet the following year at a new venue. The two-week long jamboree has multiple sub-events, protests and theme-pavilions that begin with a bang, such as with a World Leader's summit.

The event sees several heads of state deliver statements on the need to ensure that carbon emissions don't heat the globe beyond its sustainable limits. Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the 26th edition of the COP in Glasgow, Scotland, committed to India becoming net-zero, or in effect carbon neutral, by 2070. It is unclear if he will be at Sharm-El-Sheikh but U.S. President Joe Biden and U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak are expected to be present.

From here on, the summit – on the surface – is muted but is buzzing with activity underneath when various negotiating teams, representing countries, business groups and think tanks congregate into smaller groups, lay out draft text agreements and wage semantic wars. The main founding document is the 2015 Paris Agreement that commits countries to keep temperatures from rising over 2°C by the end of the century and as far as possible below 1.5°C.

This guiding principle results in an annual agreement, the latest being the Glasgow Climate Pact – an assemblage of various Articles and sub-articles – that outlines the responsibilities of every country and how they propose to take action on doing their bit to curtail carbon emissions. As has now become a pattern in most COPs, the negotiations build to a crescendo where concerns are aired about an impasse and then, the President of the COP – this time, Sameh Shoukry, Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs – will push the deadline by a few hours and then a document, flush with incremental gains, is conjured up when the gavel comes down.

'Implementation COP'

The latest COP, Mr. Shoukry has said, will be an 'Implementation COP'. "This means the full and faithful implementation of all the provisions of the Paris Agreement, along with pursuing even more ambitious NDCs if we are to keep the temperature goal within reach and avert further negative impacts," he said in a press statement. NDCs, or Nationally Determined Contributions, are a country's intent – but not binding or mandatory – towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

India has updated its NDC of 2015 by committing to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030, from the 2005 level, achieving 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources and creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO2 by adding forest and tree cover by 2030. However, unlike in the 2015 version, the latest NDC also underlines India's commitment to "..mobilise domestic and new & additional funds from developed countries.." to, primarily, access and implement clean energy technology.

Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, who will be leading the Indian delegation to COP-27, has said India will continue to press developed countries into making good their unfulfilled commitment to deliver $100 billion a year of climate finance by 2020 and every year thereafter till 2025. There is yet no definition on what constitutes 'climate finance' and whether it includes both loans and grants and India, he said, would press for more transparency as well as institutional mechanisms to make these funds available to developing countries as well as those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

INBRIEF

Raymond Q2 net trebles to ₹159 crore, revenue rises 38%

Integrated suiting manufacturer Raymond registered a 38% year-on-year growth in revenue to ₹2,191 crore for the second quarter. Net profit trebled to ₹159 crore. The company's net debt reduced to ₹1,286 crore from ₹1,310 crore as of June 30. Gautam Hari Singhania, chairman and managing director of Raymond said in a media release that as the 'China+1' strategy was working well for the company, it had acquired marquee customers for its garment business.

Bad loan drop, 'record' loans boost BoB net 59% to ₹3,313 cr.

Bank of Baroda (BoB) logged a 59% on-year jump in net profit to ₹3,313 crore for the September quarter, boosted by an improvement in asset quality and margin expansion. The management exuded confidence in continuing the 'good show' through the course of the year, especially on the asset quality front and credit cost, though it admitted the high double-digit loan growth at 21% in the reporting quarter is certain to temper, going forward. The bank's total income rose to ₹23,080 crore from ₹20,271 crore. PTI

Elgi Equipments Q2 net profit rises almost 40% to ₹72 crore

Compressor maker Elgi Equipments consolidated profit after tax for the second quarter rose almost 40% to ₹72 crore. Consolidated sales at ₹739 crore compared with ₹652 crore a year earlier. MD Jairam Varadaraj said the firm's sales volume grew almost 8%. "Going forward... when the world is threatening to go into some sort of a recession... we need to look at how to sustain growth," he added. Most geographies, including the U.S. and the EU, and almost all verticals did well compared with last year, he said.

SBI Q2 net rises 74% to 'record' high on robust loan sales

Net interest income, lower provisions help spur profit; gross NPA ratio slides to 3.52% from 4.9%, net NPA almost halves to 0.8% of advances from 1.52%, investment gains total ₹24,400 crore

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State Bank of India on Saturday reported its highest-ever quarterly profit at ₹13,265 crore, reflecting a rise of 74% for the quarter ended September, spurred by robust loan sales, higher interest income and lower provisions.

Total income increased to ₹88,734 crore during the quarter under review from ₹77,689.09 crore a year earlier. Net interest income rose 13% to ₹35,183 crore.

Of the total income, more than one-fourth, or ₹24,400 crore, came from investment gains, though the bank has not booked profit from government securities in which it holds an additional exposure of more than ₹3.85 lakh crore, chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara told reporters during the earnings conference at the bank's headquarters.

Domestic net interest margin improved to 3.55% from 3.5%.

Asset quality improved with the gross non-performing asset (NPA) ratio sliding to 3.52% from 4.9%; net NPAs almost halved to 0.8% from 1.52%.

Provisions for bad loans declined to ₹2,011 crore from ₹2,699 crore, the Chairman said.

Riding the crest

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- Domestic net interest margin inches up to 3.55% from 3.5%
- Provisions for bad loans decline to ₹2,011 crore from ₹2,699 crore
- Total income increases to ₹88,734 crore from ₹77,689 crore

Accenture fires employees with fake experience letters

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The technology major discovered an effort to use letters from fraudulent firms to obtain offers

Accenture's India unit has fired employees found to have used fake documents and experience letters to obtain jobs at the firm. It is unclear how many employees were impacted.

According to Twitter conversations, the firm may have let go of 'thousands' of employees on this count. To a query from *The Hindu*, Accenture India said in a statement: "We have discovered an effort to use documentation and experience letters from fraudulent companies to obtain offers of employment from Accenture in India... We have exited people who we confirmed took advantage of this scheme". A surge in orders during the pandemic led to hurried recruitment for the industry, said B.S. Murthy, CEO, Leadership Capital. "Most HROs are busy working on credential checks of... COVID recruits now," he added.

Prerequisites exist for an intelligent industry to take shape in India

Software is driving paradigm shifts for all industries, transforming operations and enabling the emergence of connected products, thereby blurring the lines between virtual and physical worlds, says Capgemini's MD, India Market

INTERVIEW

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Capgemini, with its knowledge and global expertise, can hasten three huge changes viz. digital inside, digital continuity, and digital convergence to drive an intelligent industrial revolution, says Capgemini's MD, India Market. Excerpts.

How do you define 'intelligent' industry?

Intelligent Industry, for Capgemini, is about leveraging synergies between digital and engineering to develop smart products, operations, and services at scale. It means harnessing the power of data to foster innovation, make differentiated products, improve supply chains, create new customer experiences, and deliver new sources of value. The unimaginable amounts of data and the continuous collection and data analysis at scale can help firms find insights.

Do you see 'intelligent' industry taking shape in India?

The prerequisites do exist and the context is ready. For instance, some 80% of enterprises in India who participated in a Capgemini study agreed that different organisational functions such as R&D, production, sales, etc worked in silos. For enterprises to scale up, these risks need to be mitigated.

What kind of skill sets are required here?

The most critical gap is that of talent, especially data governance, management, and data science professionals, followed by product innovation specialists and agile methodology specialists. There will also be strong demand for networking and product development engineers.

'India faces global shocks with better balance sheets'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India is encountering global shocks from a position of strength backed by far better household, corporate and financial sector balance sheets and its medium term growth outlook is good, said Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran.

"Overall, all things considered, including the risk of oil price, I do believe that the external situation will be manageable, of course with some anxious moments to come," he said while speaking at an event.

Sport

INBRIEF

Pugilists Minakshi, Preeti book semifinal berths

Minakshi and Preeti secured semifinal berths to assure themselves of medals in the Asian Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan, on Saturday. While Minakshi (52kg) defeated Philippines' Irish Magno 4-1, Preeti (57kg) blanked Turdibekova Sitora of Uzbekistan 5-0. In the other quarterfinal, Sakshi (54kg) suffered a 0-5 defeat at the hands of Hsiao-Wen Huang (Chinese Taipei). Late on Friday, Ananta Chopade (54kg) booked his place in his quarters with a 5-0 win over Japan's Tanaka Shogo.

Sathiyan and Manika reach final with exciting win

The Indian women's doubles pair of Manika Batra and Archana Kamath lost to the Hong Kong duo of Doo Hoi Kem and Zhu Chengzhu 4-11, 11-8, 6-11, 9-11 in the World Table Tennis Contender at Nova Gorica (Slovenia) on Saturday. A day earlier, G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra reached the mixed doubles final with a 11-6, 8-11, 11-6, 9-11, 12-10 win over the Hungarian combination of Nandor Ecseki and Dora Madarasz. Sathiyan and Manika will meet Shin Yubin and Lim Jonghoon of Korea.

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: Super 12, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
BWF: Hylo Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards
ISL: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: India vs Spain, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

Yasir makes the winning difference for Hyderabad FC

The clincher: Yasir heads in the game's only goal for Hyderabad FC. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Midfielder Mohammed Yasir's beautiful header in the eighth minute helped defending champion Hyderabad FC score a 1-0 win over Odisha FC in the Indian Super League here on Saturday.

Showing great anticipation, Yasir positioned himself perfectly inside the box to take full advantage of a curling cross from the left corner by Halicharan Narzary and beat a diving goalkeeper Amrinder Singh.

This was the third consecutive win for HFC at home this season and fourth in five games besides a draw. It is on top of the table with 13 points.

It was Odisha which started off on a positive note with a few forays but HFC changed gears quickly. It could have scored the second goal in the 16th minute but Halicharan's curling left-footer just sailed over the bar. Odisha came close to scoring the equaliser in the 19th minute when the combine of Mawihmingthanga and Moirangthem Thoiba Singh worked its way into the striking zone. But they were held back by the defensive wall of Odei Zabala, Chinglensana Singh Konsham and Nikhil Poojary.

On resumption, Odisha threatened to score twice within the first 10 minutes. Substitute Pedro Martin Moreno's right-footer from close range was saved by HFC goalkeeper Laxmikanth Kattimani and Nandha's cross to Mawihmingthanga saw the latter's header cleared to safety.

In the 82nd minute, Odisha had a chance to equalise but substitute Isak Ralte's close range shot was blocked by Kattimani.

The results: At Hyderabad: Hyderabad FC 1 (Yasir 8) bt Odisha FC 0.
At Guwahati: NEUFC 0 lost to Kerala Blasters 3 (Diamantakos 56, Samad 85 & 90+6).

Choupo-Moting double leads Bayern past Hertha

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
BERLIN

Bayern Munich's Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting scored twice in two minutes to lead the champion to a nervy 3-2 victory at Hertha Berlin on Saturday as it went top in the Bundesliga.

The 33-year-old Cameroon forward is in scintillating form less than three weeks before the World Cup, having netted for the seventh consecutive game in all competitions and the fourth straight in the league. Jamal Musiala gave the visitors an early lead, rifling in after 12 minutes. In a frenzied end to the first half Choupo-Moting slotted in the second goal in the 38th before pouncing on a bad clearance to knock in another a minute later to make it 3-0.

But Hertha still had time to score twice before the break. The Bavarians are top on 28 points, with Union Berlin, in action on Sunday on 26.

The results: Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 3 (Moukoko 8, 45+2, Reyna 12-pen) bt Bochum 0; Mainz 0 lost to Wolfsburg 3 (Wimmer 33, Arnold 70, Baku 84); Hoffenheim 1 (Rutter 50) lost to RB Leipzig 3 (Nkunku 17, 57, Olmo 69); Augsburg 1 (Berisha 1) lost to Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Rode 13, Knauff 64); Hertha 2 (Lukebakio 40, Selke 45-pen) lost to Bayern Munich 3 (Musiala 12, Choupo-Moting 37, 38).

Premier League: Leeds United 4 (Rodrigo 3-pen, Greenwood 60, Cooper 68, Summerville 84) bt Bournemouth 3 (Tavernier 7, Billing 19, Solanke 48); Manchester City 2 (Alvarez 17, Haaland 90+5-pen) bt Fulham 1 (Pereira 28-pen); Nottingham Forest 2 (Gibbs-White 20, Jorgensen 90+6-og) drew with Brentford 2 (Mbeumo 45+3-pen, Wissa 75); Wolves 2 (Guedes 12, Neves 35-pen) lost to Brighton 3 (Lallana 10, Mitoma 44, Gross 83).

Railways emerges champion

Triumphant: The victorious Railways team. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Railways defeated Bengal by six wickets to clinch the BCCI senior women's T20 Trophy at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Saturday.

Bengal, which elected to bat on a largely sunlit morning, was off to a disastrous start, losing three wickets with just 17 on the board. But a 49-run partnership for the fifth wicket between Dhara Gujjar (32, 42b, 4x4) and Richa Ghosh (32, 26b, 4x4) lent the total some respectability.

But the fancied Railways side was mostly untroubled during its chase. Openers S. Meghana (19, 21b) and Nuzhat Parween (35, 50b, 1x4) put on 40 before Parween combined for another 40 runs with one drop and D. Hemalatha (35, 23b, 5x4).

Railways then lost three wickets in quick succession, 80 for one becoming 94 for four at the end of the 16th over. But it was nothing more than a minor blip, as Poonam Yadav's side sewed up the win with eight balls to spare.

The scores: Bengal 106/7 in 20 overs (Dhara Gujjar 32, Richa Ghosh 32, K. Anjali Sarvani 3/17, Tanuja P. Kanwer 3/18) lost to Railways 108/4 in 18.2 overs (Nuzhat Parween 35, D. Hemalatha 35).

Better late than never: Sharath on Khel Ratna at 40

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

At 40, the prestigious Khel Ratna award may have come pretty late for Sharath Kamal, but the star table tennis player said on Saturday that the recognition was "better late than never," and will inspire him to have another shot at Olympic glory.

Sharath was the only athlete recommended for this year's Khel Ratna award, the highest sporting honour, for his Birmingham Commonwealth Games show where he won three gold and one silver.

Bhagat meets Nitesh; Manisha in title round

Press Trust of India
TOKYO

Pramod Bhagat and Nitesh Kumar will battle for gold in the men's singles SL3 at the BWF Para Badminton World championships here on Saturday.

Bhagat beat Japan's Daisuke Fujiara 22-20, 21-14 while Nitesh downed Manoj Sarkar 21-10, 21-13. Manisha Ramadass got past Denmark's Cathrine Rosengren 21-19, 17-21, 21-17 to reach the women's singles SU5 final.

ALL IN THE GAME

Nothing illegitimate about it, says Ashwin on non-striker's run-out

The run-out effected by an alert bowler at the non-striker's end while the batter leaves the crease early is something that R. Ashwin has always believed is a legitimate mode of dismissal. Cricketing rules say as much even if the game's spirit is invoked arbitrarily by opponents of this pattern of exit.

WTA FINALS

Sabalenka makes the semifinals, Jabeur fails to progress

Aryna Sabalenka beat Jessica Pegula 6-3, 7-5 on Friday and advanced to the semifinals of the WTA Finals as Tunisian Ons Jabeur was eliminated. Greece's Maria Sakkari, ranked fifth, beat Jabeur 6-2, 6-3 to finish unbeaten in round-robin play. Her victory assured Sabalenka second place in the Nancy Richey Group.

PARIS MASTERS

Rune shocks Auger-Aliassime, takes on Djokovic in the final

Danish teenager Holger Rune beat eighth-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 6-2 in the Paris Masters semifinals on Saturday. It was sweet revenge for the 19-year-old who had lost to the Canadian in the Swiss Indoors final last Sunday. Novak Djokovic overcame Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(4) in the other semifinal.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Ajinkya's six-point raid powers Thalaivas past Titans

Ajinkya Pawar pulled off a stunning six-point raid just before the final whistle as Tamil Thalaivas defeated Telugu Titans 39-31 in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Saturday. It was close affair between the two teams before Ajinkya's raid. Bengal Warriors defeated Gujarat Giants 45-40 in the day's first match.

Men in Blue have a few formalities to complete

Rohit & Co. have moved on from the setback against South Africa, but will be well aware of the perils of complacence against opponents perceived to be weak

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

A fortnight after the nail-biting triumph over Pakistan, the Men in Blue are back at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Despite a loss to South Africa, India has progressed and now the formalities of a semifinal berth need to be signed especially through its Sunday fixture against Zimbabwe.

Weather clears up

The weather, grim and dark, until a few days ago, has largely cleared but there is a nip in the air and fielders in the deep may be inclined to keep their hands in their pockets.

India holds a 5-2 edge in T20Is, with the last clash dating back to 2016. Yet, this has been an ICC Twenty20 World Cup that has seen underdogs reveal fangs. Upsets have been registered and Afghanistan, riding on Rashid Khan's chutzpah, nearly derailed Australia.

As India gears up for the Super 12 Group 2 game, Rohit Sharma will be conscious about Zimbabwe's coup against Pakistan earlier in this championship. In the cut and thrust of international cricket, victories never come easy. The lesser fancied unit is often goaded by a desire to show it belongs on the big stage while also trying to infuse hope to countrymen back home.

Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Zimbabwe seek a balm through sport while their backyards are tinged with angst. Rohit's men know the perils of complacence against opponents perceived to be weak. The joust with Zimbabwe offers an opportunity to extend the winning fervour besides fine-tuning skill-sets as after this clash only the knock-outs remain.

On your toes: Kohli seems to have some words of advice for Pant during India's practice session at the MCG on Saturday. AFP

And on Saturday, as the sun lit up the MCG with bright rays bouncing off the grass, Rishabh Pant had an extended training session donning his wicketkeeping gloves.

Change in the offing?

He recalibrated his dives on either side, took catches, and then stood close to the lone stump and mimicked reflexes essential while keeping to spinners.

Whether this means a change is being effected, with Dinesh Karthik stepping aside, will be known only at the toss.

There is an issue atop the order that the individual fifties by skipper Rohit and his deputy K.L. Rahul cannot mask. In four outings so far, the duo shared partnerships worth seven, 11, 23 and 11. It forces Virat Kohli to walk in early, saddled with the task of sealing the initial crack, build a partnership and then explode with his willow.

Suryakumar Yadav has chipped in from the middle-order while Hardik Pandya, after his fine show against Pakistan, has tapered off. It doesn't help that Karthik hasn't hit the straps with his bat.

The bowling has been relatively fine except during those phases against South Africa or when Bangladesh's Litton Das flew high. And the fielding was excellent against Bangladesh.

Dave's doughty men

On the opposite side, Craig Ervine's men are coached by the doughty Dave Houghton and readers of a certain vintage would remember his batting exploits in the 1980s.

In Sikandar Raza, Zimbabwe has a star, and speedster Blessing Muzarabani has been among the wickets. Hopefully Melbourne's weather will ally with clear skies on Sunday night.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-Capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Deepak Hooda, R. Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Harshal Patel and Arshdeep Singh.

Zimbabwe: Craig Ervine (Capt.), Sikandar Raza, Ryan Burl, Regis Chakabva (wk), Brad Evans, Clive Madande (wk), Wellington Masakadza, Blessing Muzarabani, Milton Shumba, Sean Williams, Tendai Chatara, Luke Jongwe, Wessly Madhevere, Tony Munyonga and Richard Ngavara.

Umpires: Rod Tucker and Richard Kettleborough; **TV umpire:** Aleem Dar; **Match referee:** David Boon.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST.

Today's matches

South Africa vs. Netherlands
Adelaide, 5.30 a.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 1
South Africa 1 | Netherlands 0

Pakistan vs. Bangladesh
Adelaide, 9.30 a.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 17
Pakistan 15 | Bangladesh 2

Zimbabwe vs. India
Melbourne, 1.30 p.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 7
Zimbabwe 2 | India 5

Group 1 topper New Zealand will meet the second-placed team from Group 2 at Sydney on Nov. 9. England, second in Group 1, will take on the Group 2 topper at Adelaide on Nov. 10.

Clinical approach is need of the hour, says Ashwin

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

India needs to be absolutely clinical against Zimbabwe in the World Cup match at the MCG on Sunday, says R. Ashwin.

Speaking to the media here on Saturday, the off-spinner said: "We need to be clinical. No team is a pushover. Like in every other contest in this T20 World Cup, it's a must-win encounter. Zimbabwe has played some wonderful cricket, so we can't go in there and expect them to crumble."

Practice & instinct

Having essayed a few pulls at the death against Bangladesh, Ashwin said it was linked to the bounce on offer: "Because of the bounce and boundary sizes, people have tended to go with a lot of short balls. You have to be practising and giving your instinct the best chance to hit that ball."

Fine-tuning: Hardik needs to return to the form he showed against Pakistan. AFP

Ashwin mentioned that adaptability is the key: "One of the greatest features of T20 cricket is how you adapt to a particular situation. The fast bowlers have set the tone and as a spinner coming in the back-half, doing the job is a role that we have to adapt to."

He also spoke about the cold weather affecting fielding: "There could be something to do with the conditions or the climate or the lack of reference point when the high catches are coming."

Earlier, Zimbabwe skipper Craig Ervine stressed that his unit would draw strength from the triumph over Pakistan.

"Obviously the win against Pakistan has given us the belief that we can beat any side. This is a great opportunity to bowl against some of the best in the world. How often do you get the opportunity to put Virat Kohli in your pocket? I am pretty sure that our fast bowlers will be raring to go," Ervine said.

Stokes stays cool, guides England into last-four; Australia dethroned

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Ben Stokes hit a timely unbeaten 42 as England reached the ICC T20 World Cup semifinals with a tense four-wicket win over Sri Lanka on Saturday, ending Australia's title defence.

England needed to win to make the last four from Group 1 alongside already qualified New Zealand and it achieved the feat in a nail-biting finish with two balls to spare at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

If England had lost, hosts Australia would have gone through.

Sri Lanka looked on track for a big total when it reached 80 for two after 10 overs, but the aggressive Pathum Nissanka was out for 67 and the Asian champion crumbled to 141 for eight, with Mark Wood taking three for 26.

In reply, England raced to 75 without loss and looked on course for an easy win. But it collapsed to 111 for five under pressure from the Sri Lankan spin attack and the match went to the wire.

However, Stokes kept his cool as the wickets tumbled at the other end, to steer the side into the last four.

Man-of-the-Match Adil Rashid, who kept the Sri Lanka batters at bay with a spell of 4-0-16-1, was all praise for Stokes.

Sri Lanka's defeat ended Australia's stuttering tournament, with its title defence never recovering after losing heavily to New Zealand on the opening day, then having to share the points with England due to rain.

The scores:
Sri Lanka 141/8 in 20 overs (Pathum Nissanka 67, Mark Wood 3/26) lost to England 144/6 in 19.4 overs (Jos Buttler 28, Alex Hales 47, Ben Stokes 42 n.o., Lahiru Kumara 2/24, Wanindu Hasaranga 2/23, Dhananjaya de Silva 2/24). **MoM:** Adil Rashid.

Reversing the trend: Stokes, who has been out of form, came good in the crucial match. GETTY IMAGES

Points table

GROUP 1	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand (Q)	5	3	1	1	7	2.113
England (Q)	5	3	1	1	7	0.473
Australia	5	3	1	1	7	-0.173
Sri Lanka	5	2	3	0	4	-0.422
Ireland	5	1	3	1	3	-1.615
Afghanistan	5	0	3	2	2	-0.571

Q: Qualified

GROUP 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
India	4	3	1	0	6	0.730
South Africa	4	2	1	1	5	1.441
Pakistan	4	2	2	0	4	1.117
Bangladesh	4	2	2	0	4	-1.276
Zimbabwe	4	1	2	1	3	-0.313
Netherlands	4	1	3	0	2	-1.233

Sarfaraz, Kotian keep their nerve as Mumbai triumphs

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Sarfaraz Khan's composure and Tanush Kotian's contribution with bat and ball propelled 41-time Ranji Trophy champion Mumbai to its maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy triumph at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

Opting to field, Mumbai restricted Himachal to 143 for eight and overcame some tense moments to achieve the target with three wickets and as many balls to spare in a low-scoring final.

The Mumbai bowlers showed discipline and picked up wickets frequently to put Himachal under tremendous pressure.

Pacer Mohit Avasthi scalped Ankush Bains and Sumeet Verma early, while off-spinner Kotian bowled a good line and length to deal a double blow, removing Nikhil Gangta (22, 14b, 4x4) and Nitin Sharma.

Shivam Dube dismissed Rishi Dhawan and Kotian accounted for Prashant Chopra (19, 27b, 2x4) as Himachal slipped to 58 for six in the 10th over.

The wait is over: Mumbai won its maiden title. DEBASISH BHADURI

A confident Ekant Sen (37, 29b, 3x4, 2x6) and the reliable Akash Vashisht (25, 22b, 3x4) batted resolutely to add 60 runs in 46 deliveries.

Aman Khan broke the partnership by having Akash caught at long-off.

Avasthi claimed Ekant to secure his third wicket as Ajinkya Rahane took a fine catch at cover.

Mayank Dagar's cameo (21 n.o., 12b, 2x4, 1x6) gave Himachal a total to fight for.

Mumbai stuttered a bit, losing Prithvi Shaw and Rahane cheaply, before Yashasvi Jaiswal (27, 28b, 3x4, 1x6) and Shreyas Iyer (34, 26b, 4x4, 1x6) steadied the innings by adding 41 off 34.

However, the responsible Sarfaraz Khan (36 n.o., 31b, 3x4, 1x6), dropped on 19, kept his cool before plundering 17 runs, including two fours and a six, in the penultimate over by K.D. Singh.

The scores:
Himachal Pradesh 143/8 in 20 overs (Ekant Sen 37, Tanush Kotian 3/15, Mohit Avasthi 3/21) lost to Mumbai 146/7 in 19.3 overs (Sarfaraz Khan 36 n.o., Shreyas Iyer 34, Vaibhav Arora 3/27).

INBRIEF

Wolverhampton hires Lopetegui as manager

Premier League club Wolverhampton hired Julen Lopetegui as manager on Saturday. Lopetegui was fired one month ago by Sevilla after three years with the Spanish club during which he led it to a Europa League title in 2020. The 56-year-old Lopetegui will take over on November 14, subject to being granted work permits, following the team's final game before the World Cup break. Steve Davis will remain in interim charge. The club's under-18s coach took temporary charge after Bruno Lage was fired.

Balaji and Jeevan lose in the doubles semifinals

Top seeds Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Sriram Balaji lost 6-4, 7-5 to fourth seeds Facundo Diaz Acosta and Luis David Martinez in the doubles semifinals of the $53,120 Challenger tennis tournament in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Other result: $15,000 ITF men, Al Zahra, Kuwait: Doubles: Final: William Jansen (GBR) & Borys Zgola bt Prychya Isaro (Tha) & Lohithaksha Bathrinath 7-5, 1-0 (retired).

India beats Mexico in Junior Davis Cup

The Indian team scored a 3-0 victory over Mexico in the positional play-off match in the Junior Davis Cup under-16 World Group tennis tournament in Antalya, Turkey, on Saturday. India will play host Turkey in the match for the 13th place on Sunday. The Indian team had lost its three league matches against Czech Republic, Italy and Britain.

The results: Positional play-off 13-16: India bt Mexico 3-0 (Kriish Tyagi bt Santiago Aponte 6-1, 6-3; Rushil Khosla bt Ignacio Marquinez 6-1, 6-1; Rushil & Vansh Nandal bt Santiago & Ignacio 6-3, 6-3).

Upbeat India looks to finish on a high

The host will aim to produce another attacking display when it takes on Spain in their reverse fixture after having lost the earlier encounter closely at 3-2

HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
BHUBANESWAR

India will look to produce another attacking display and finish its Bhubaneswar leg on a high when it takes on Spain in their reverse fixture of the FIH Hockey Pro League here on Sunday.

Harmanpreet Singh and Co did a double on New Zealand here on Friday.

India now has six points, same with Spain which has a match in hand, while New Zealand is yet to open its account in their 'mini tournament' of three teams.

"Despite conceding early goals, our focus to stick to our game plan and surge ahead worked. I think every player played to his potential against New Zealand which ensured this result," Harmanpreet said after the match against New Zealand.

However, things might be a bit tougher against Spain, which defeated India 3-2 in the first leg. The hosts will be itching to settle the score when they meet at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium again.

Spain will pose a stiff challenge and skipper Harmanpreet said they will need to stick to their own plans.

"Playing consistently all through the four quarters was our main goal. We will need to play the same way against Spain who play defensive hockey compared to New Zealand and they can slow our game down," the India skipper said.

"But we should just stick to our plans."

Spain, on the other hand, has won both its games with a similar 3-2 margin and will brimming with confidence as it plays New Zealand and India in the weekend in the second leg.

"We will watch how they play against New Zealand today and come up with a strategy for Sunday," Harmanpreet said.

Rourkela is the second and last venue in India where the world number five will take on Germany and Australia in the two double-legged ties in March.

India takes on Belgium and England (in London) and Netherlands and Argentina in the Dutch city of Eindhoven in May-June.

Game plan: Harmanpreet feels that India should play consistently all through the four quarters.
BISWARANJAN ROUT

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Bank of Baroda and Mounts Club triumph
Bank of Baroda and Mounts Club emerged the men's and women's champions at the State Association Cup basketball tournament here on Saturday.
The results (semifinal league):
Men: Bank of Baroda 66 (Harish 21, Nagaraj 14, Mufeez 12) bt Mangalore BC 54 (Sowkin Shetty 17, Renish 14); Young Orions SC 71 (Sumanth 18, Gowtham 16) bt CMP 51 (Alvin Cyril 13).
Women: Mounts Club 78 (Lopamudra 23, Niharika Reddy 18) bt DYES Mysore 54 (Sahana 25, Meghana 18); South Western Railway 70 (Rini Lawrence 15, Vinaya Joseph 12) bt K.S. Hegde Nitte 36 (Hamsa 15).

FCBU thrashes Snipers
FCBU thrashed Snipers FC 6-0 in an under-18 match of the KSFA Youth Premier League football tournament on Saturday.
The results:
Under-18: FCBU bt Snipers FC 6-0; Bengaluru International FA bt Bengaluru Champs 6-1; Rebels FC bt North East Youth 3-0; Roots FC drew with The Sports School 1-1; VAS Sports Academy bt Bangalore Super Strikers 6-0; U-15: Titan FA bt Nakshatra FA 3-2; BBFSB bt YBEFA 3-1; U-13: Titan FC bt GRK FA 5-0.

Nithin advances
G.R. Nithin defeated K. Harish 3-2 (30-56, 51-27, 58-43, 25-64, 65-22) in a second round snooker match of the State-ranking tournament here on Saturday.

Hat-trick by Royan
Royan Rodrigues scored a hat-trick as Blue Star HC blanked Leo's SC 9-0 in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Saturday.
The results:
Sahyadri, Shivamogga 5 (Gagan 2, Syed Mazar 13, 24, Vinay 21, Sharan 29) bt Joyce HC 0; Bijapur HC 5 (Shakeel M. Agsbal 1, 11, 19, Sirazouddin 14, Sikandar 25) bt ITC 2 (Sendhil Kumar 26, P. Rahul 34); Blue Star HC 9 (Royan Rodrigues 4, 8, 18, Jagadeesh 16, Dhanush 20, Sree Harsha 36, Harsha 42, 46, Franklin 48) bt Leo's SC 0.

Gurleen's day out
Gurleen Kaur secured the girls' singles and doubles titles at the Sat Sports AITA CS7 tennis tournament here on Saturday.
The results (finals): Singles:
Boys: Navin Sundaram bt M. Shreyanth 6-1, 6-0.
Girls: Gurleen Kaur bt V. Deepshikha 3-6, 6-2, 6-2
Doubles: Boys: M. Shreyanth & H. Tarun bt N. Mohit Reddy & Siva Sampreeth 6-2, 6-3.
Girls: Gurleen & Geethika Gaddham bt Riya Pudiyokkda & Yahana Arora 6-2, 3-6, [10-6].

Nihal and Giri locked 2-2

Sports Bureau

Nihal Sarin and Anish Giri were locked 2-2 in their eight-game semifinal clash of the $500,000 *Chess.com* Global Championship Finals on Friday.

After Anish won the first rapid game with white, Nihal bounced back to make it 1-1. The next two games ended with honours even.

The first player to reach 4.5 points will advance to the final.

In the other semifinal, Hikaru Nakamura and Wesley So drew all four rapid games.

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(Taken with Coriander water or Kori Ghanvati)

For repairing damaged cartilage and regulating all pain markers to rid patients of Arthritis and all other Vaat diseases
Orthogrit and Peedanil (Taken with Aloe Vera, Giloy juice)

Strengthens the Respiratory System to render it disease-free.
For treatment of Cough, Cold and Asthma
Swasari Pravahi and Swasari Gold (Taken with Swasari Kwath)

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